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SYDNEY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1909.

SUMMARY.

The King will grant a charter to establish a Royal British Radium Institute.

A Madrid announcement that King Edward and the Queen will visit Spain in February is officially contradicted in London.

Captain Sealby, of the steamer Republic, and Mr. Binns, Marconi operator on the vessel, received an ovation at New York.

Further severe earthquake shocks have been experienced in Messina.

Prince Ching's son has arrived in London from China to study administrative matters there.

A menacing article towards Servia has been published by one of the semi-official newspapers in Vienna.

Mr. Gillett, Governor of California, warns his Legislature against passing anti-Japanese legislation.

The olive crop has failed in parts of Europe, and the price of oil has advanced 40 per cent.

An apology has been tendered by the Liberian Government to Germany for firing upon a German steamer.

The Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia is reported to be seriously ill.

At a Labour party conference in England a motion was carried opposing taxation of the masses.

It was also resolved that extra taxes should be placed on large incomes and State-conferred monopolies.

Negotiations are proceeding between Canada and Germany for removal of the Customs surtax on goods.

President Roosevelt has appointed a commission to deal with the question of naval efficiency.

Mr. Bertram Mackennal, the Australian sculptor, is now an Associate of the Royal Academy.

Mr. John Sinclair, Secretary for Scotland, has been raised to the Peerage.

This is to secure the presence in the Lords of a Minister familiar with Scottish affairs.

The Hungarian Premier has stated that Bosnian-Herzegovinian annexation had to be accelerated.

This was because of a serious spread of the conspiracy for forming a Greater Servia.

Surprise is expressed in England that the Bishop of Bath and Wells has not unfrocked the Agapemonite leader.

Lord Morley, Secretary for India, says the Government's reform scheme has been well received in India.

He received a deputation on the subject of native representation on the Indian Council.

Replying to it, he declined to consider the matter of religion when making appointments to the Council.

Extraordinary waves on the Western American coast support the theory of a recent earthquake beneath the ocean.

Chief Justice Darley was presented yesterday with farewell addresses from Judges and and barristers, solicitors, and court officials.

In reply the Chief Justice referred to friendships formed during his career on the Bench.

His Honor also spoke of his own interest in the members of the Bar, who as a class were exceptionally able.

The Court of Marine Inquiry yesterday suspended the certificate of the captain of the Dunmore for 12 months.

Two men arrested on Wednesday were yesterday remanded on a charge of smuggling opium.

A cable has been received from C. Hill that he cannot join the Australian Eleven for England.

Mr. Hughes, Federal Attorney-General, criticises Mr. J. C. Watson's unification suggestion.

Unification, he says, is only practicable where there can be minute and detailed control.

There should, he stated, be community of interest among the people if unification were to be adopted.

Tenders were opened yesterday for the new markets which the City Council proposes to erect.

Several of the men charged with minor offences at the Broken Hill riots have been convicted.

Some have been ordered to find sureties, some fined, in default to serve terms in gaol.

Tom Mann yesterday agreed to abstain from speaking in this State, and was released on bail.

He stated in an interview afterwards that he should go to Port Pirie.

A speaker at a Broken Hill mass meeting on Wednesday said the silverton tram employees had been called out.

The employees of the Silverton Tramway Company, however, say they have heard nothing about being called out.

Two Russian sailors from the County of Merioneth swam ashore at the Semaphore on Tuesday night.

They had a swim of three miles through shark-infested water before reaching land.

Artesian water has been struck near Cooncilla at a depth of 2128ft.

A grant of £400 is to be made from England for the Tropical Diseases Research School at Townsville.

The Minister of External Affairs attributes the success about Australia in the German Sanatorium Conference.

There has been, he says, no case in which a European has been asked to pass the dictation test.

Both imports to and exports from the Commonwealth showed considerable reductions in value last year.

As compared with 1907, general imports declined in value by £2,034,235, and exports by £3,318,336.

The City Council's finance committee recommends the council to have Oxford-street property valued.

A scheme of superannuation for firemen—the first of its kind in Australia—has been drawn up in Adelaide.

In Western Australia the revenue of the telephone department is stated at £33,557, and the expenditure at £48,471.

The witness giving this information said that there was a loss of between £3 and £4 a year per subscriber.

Mr. Tudor, Minister for Customs, is jubilant at the opium seizure in Sydney on Wednesday.

Mr. Lee, Minister for Works, has been feted at Casino and Kyogle.

Sir Joseph Ward has protested against the Imperial prohibition of certain kinds of colonial meat.

In the interstate cricket match yesterday the score stood at 446 runs for seven wickets.

This brings the Victorian total in the match to 9 above the New South Wales first innings figures.

Rainford has made centuries for his side in each innings. Armstrong made 171 yesterday.

The Australian Workers' Union annual conference was opened yesterday.

The Albury Land Board yesterday conducted the ballot for the Walla Walla blocks.

Last night the Trades and Labour Council passed a resolution on the subject of the control of labour.

In effect it is that any union striking without consulting the council may have support withheld.

At the Political Labour League Conference a resolution favouring a Greater Sydney has been carried.

Information has been received by the Commonwealth of further outrages being perpetrated in Papua.

The Sydney Labour Council delegates to Broken Hill are conferring with the union authorities there.

Wheat still continues on offer somewhat sparingly, although the market rules above previous values.

Though there was an increase in the volume of business on the Mining Exchange, prices were easier.

All descriptions of mining stocks were affected, but tin mining shares were negatived.

Forecast.—Cloudy and sultry generally, with scattered thunderstorms and rain; cool change spreading.

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CHAPTER IV.—Continued.

My corporal looked at me inquiringly.

"Captain, the door is locked," was all he said.

I clutched the handle in the twilight of that gloomy passage, bit my lip at this unlooked-for happening, and set my shoulder to the panel. In a moment the lock yielded and I lurched forward into a long oak-wainscotted room, and with my hand upon the door stood facing two women who had evidently just risen from a low settle.

Their manner told of embarrassment, of alarm perhaps. Their cheeks were pale and scarlet by turns, but that summer evening I paid no heed to their surprise. Nor did I make apology, nor crave pardon for my intrusion. For the moment I had clean forgotten my surroundings. With my fingers upon the edge of the door I stood and gaped at those women, standing with the draught from an open window sweeping cool and lilac-scented about them.

Never had I thought to find their like in that frontier stronghold, and for some moments I was once more a child upon my mother's knee before the crackling firebrands wrapt in some tale of princesses prisoned in the depths of an enchanter's keep.

One was tall, dark-haired, dark-eyed, of a fair skin, broad in the breast and upright, and shapely as the sculptured marble of old Greece, while her hands that lay trembling upon her companion's shoulder were such as the Italians have loved to paint.

As for the other, nor sleeping maiden nor queen of fairy lore could have matched her with her tresses of russet brown wherein lay the glint of burnished copper, her eyes blue and very deep yet full of fire: surely never was head more winsome poised above trimmer figure. Her arms were bare from the elbows, and a pale orange scarf hung loose from her shoulders. Of rare beauty were these two as they stood in that room wherein the light was dying. The one queenly in carriage, tall as some goddess of heathen story yet with all a woman's graces, tender and winning; the other of different stamp, yet perhaps the likelier to catch men's fancy, with her delicate form, small features and wealth of red-brown hair. Blue, dark blue, was the dress of the taller, deep in its sweep and full in the train, her companion wore brown silk, slashed with white, and close-fitting to her figure.

Who these might be I could not guess, nor their business in this room, that it seemed looked out upon a garden sweet with flowers, heavy with the drone of belated bees, bounded by the crests of the distant mountains, blood-red in the evening crimson. Ruefully I thought of those two others the ladies of the castle, with whom I had supped, those who knew my rough manner of grace, whose features and figures would scarce have won a second glance at a country fair.

It was she of the ruddy tresses that broke the long silence, and her voice trembled with anger.

"Who art thou, sir?" she cried hotly, "to force thy way into our chamber, unbidden, unannounced?"

Now I was castellan of Rohn, under the seal of Her Imperial Majesty, and on the evening of my arrival, was in no humour to abate the privileges of my office. None the less I spoke with what calm I could assume, and with all deference to these strangers, in the hope to seduce the ladies of Rohn had said not a word.

"Madam, pardon my lack of ceremony, but I have a duty to perform, having been sent to occupy this castle with my troops in the Queen's name. Nor," I added, scarce knowing what to say further, "did the Countess tell me that I had the honour of having other ladies beneath my charge."

Mayhap I had chosen my words ill—my fault must be set down to embarrassment—for the wrath of the lady in the brown dress blazed up in an instant.

"In thy charge, sir?" she cried fiercely. "Such words to me! Never have I been in the charge of any, much less of an Hungarian free-booter. Begone, sir, and leave us. Surely all chivalry has died in Vienna since this Queen of thine must needs seek to wear the crown of the empire."

She fronted me in the half light, her hands upon her hips, her bosom heaving with passion, her only by the dimmest light a headstrong, masterful little lady as hot-tempered as she was fair.

May it be forgiven me on the score of youth and pride in the commission with which I had been entrusted if I spoke with some authority.

"Madam, I am no Hungarian," I replied, jealous of Scots birth, "but for all that, for the time I have the high honour of representing her Majesty in this castle, and the Countess of Rohn must answer to me for your presence in this chamber."

The lady tossed her head.

"Answer to thee?" she cried, and her voice quivered with contempt. "Nay, in that, sir, you are mistaken."

I shrugged my shoulders, with a glance at her of the dark eyes and waving hair that all this while had stood silent.

"The Countess must answer for herself, and to me," I rejoined doggedly. "And will do so willingly, doubtless, and with a courtesy that it seems, is lacking in her guests."

For a moment the woman turned, looked in the other's face, and then those shapely lips parted in a scornful smile, and her speech came slow and biting.

"I scarce understand thee, sir, though I marvel no longer at the lack of wit that has been the cause of Austrian disasters so many. But for thy better information, Captain von Lesly, let me assure thee that none ever speak in such fashion in the presence of Ines von Rohn and her sister."

I started, my jaw fell, as her words rang clear in the darkening room. I glanced uneasily at my corporal, and caught sight of the two old servants whose faces were pale and very grave. Helplessly I stared, her appearance and manner were all in keeping with her words. Had she claimed to be queen of the fairies I verily believe that I should not have dared to doubt.

"But I have supped with the Countess and her sister within the hour," I stammered, my face blank with amazement.

"Nay, sir," cried she, sweeping a curtsey as graceful as any with which it has been my fortune to be honoured, and paying no need to the other who had laid her hand on her arm. "Countess of Rohn am I, sprung not with Hungarian free-riders; in obedience to my orders thy supper was set at my waiting-women's table."

In utter confusion I stood dumb, conscious of the surprise on my corporal's features, of the ill-concealed mirth of the Countess's servants.

"Sister, for shame, for shame!" gasped the other lady, in the silence that followed her elder's speech. There was a sob in her voice, plainest distress upon her face as she sank upon the couch, and though my cheeks tingled for the trick that had been played upon me, I could but murmur—

"Nay, madam, it is nought. What need is there for forgiveness?"

But if the one was repentant, abashed, the other knew neither penitence nor shame, nor fear, nor aught else.

"Forgiveness," she laughed—there was music in her mockery. "To forgive or crave forgiveness ill befits a von Rohn."

And as some tigress at bay she turned upon me—of a truth the spirit of a score dead Rohns lived in the daughter of the race.

"Captain von Lesly," she cried. "The glory of my house is dead, its sons are no more, its lands are wasted, its wealth gone, alone we stand for our fathers"—her hand sought that of her sister, who had risen and was standing at her side—"but by the laurel of Rohn we will play our part like men, for our sovereign, for our Bavarian hills, for the honour of the lords of this valley. We are prisoners, sir, with our servants, our castle is in thy power, but with a squadron of horse, with seven regiments in Austria to back thy cause, I defy thee—thee, thy country, and thy Queen. Look you for peace in our castle? Pray Heaven you know it not. To the utmost of my power I will thwart thee, weak as I am. I will ever strive in my kingdom's quarrel. Do what thou will, rule as thou will in this place, never shalt thou win my countenance or allegiance. Thine is the power, to me is the right, Sir Austrian. God judge 'twixt me and thee, and fair fortune to the issue of my cause."

She paused for a moment, it was all but dusk, and the murky glare from my corporal's lantern but made the darkness deeper.

Now all this while the Countess Elsa had said not a word, but stood at her sister's side, her hands crumpling her skirt, her eyes wide with dismay and moist with tears, and I being mindful of a proverb anent a woman's tongue that is current beyond Solway, turned to leave the chamber. Little credit could I gain by further parley with these ladies, though in other circumstances an hour spent in their company or preferably with one might have passed quickly enough.

I bowed in the gloom with my hand upon the handle of the door.

"And now, sir, begone," continued the Countess, her voice a-tremble. "Leave me and my sister; may thy stay be short, and ill thy days in Rohn."

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ADDRESSES TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE.

CORDIAL RECOGNITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

EULOGY BY THE BENCH AND BAR.

FINAL APPEARANCE ON THE BENCH.

PATHETIC FAREWELL.

Yesterday morning an illuminated address, signed by the members of the Supreme Court and District Court Benches, and also the Bar of New South Wales, was presented to Sir Frederick M. Darley (Chief Justice of the State), who is on the eve of his departure for Europe. The ceremony took place in the Banco Court, the "well" of which and the seats ordinarily set apart for barristers were crowded, those at the table including the Attorney-General (Mr. C. G. Wade, K.C.), Mr. G. H. Reid, K.C., Mr. A. G. Ralston, K.C., and Mr. A. B. Shand, K.C. The gallery was also fully occupied. Shortly after 10.30 the Chief Justice, accompanied by Mr. Justice Cohen, Mr. Justice Pring, Mr. Justice Street, Mr. Justice Sly, and District Court Judges Docker, Fitzhardinge, Rogers, and Scholes, entered the court and took their seats. The Sheriff (Mr. C. E. B. Maybury) had a seat on the bench, and the Prothonotary (Mr. C. R. Walsh) and Mr. A. G. Saddington (chief clerk) were also in attendance.

The Attorney-General said, addressing the Chief Justice, that learning towards the end of last year that his Honor intended to retire from his judicial office in the early future, a general wish was expressed on behalf of the members of the Bench and the Bar generally to present his Honor the Chief Justice with a permanent memento of their goodwill and their feeling of regret at the severance of Sir Frederick Darley's association with judicial life. That wish had now taken practical shape, and it was his privilege and honour on behalf of the profession generally to present an address to his Honor, which was signed by members of the Supreme Court and District Court Benches and the members of the Bar generally. Before reading the address he desired, on behalf of Mr. Justice G. B. Simpson, to express his Honor's regret that owing to his absence from the State he was unable to be present at this farewell gathering. The address was in the following terms:—

To the Right Honorable Sir Frederick M. Darley, P.C., G.C.M.G., Chief Justice of New South Wales.

We, the undersigned, members of the New South Wales, address your Honor on the occasion of your retirement from the office of Chief Justice, with a desire to express our appreciation of your eminent qualities of heart and mind, and our grateful recognition of your good and useful services to the State. We assure you that in your position as Chief Justice you have filled a large space in the public eye, and your public services will long endure. We also assure you that in your position as Chief Justice you have ever maintained the dignity of your exalted position, and represented worthily the best traditions of the judicial office. Your merciful, firm and even-handed administration of justice, and your unremitting exertions in the public interest have gained for you universal and lasting approval, and will long endure even as a bright example for future generations.

We bid you farewell with feelings of the deepest regret and sincerest affection. We shall miss from the Bench your kindly courtesy, your kindly sympathy, and the guiding influence of your great personality. We trust you may long be spared to enjoy the rest to which your long, laborious, honourable and distinguished service, your are justly entitled.

The address contained about 150 signatures, including those of Mr. Justice G. B. Simpson, Mr. Justice Cohen, Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Mr. Justice Pring, Mr. Justice Street, Mr. Justice Sly, and Judges Rogers, Heydon, Docker, and Scholes.

The Attorney-General, continuing his remarks, said that in the few words contained in the address they had perhaps inadequately but at the same time sincerely and truthfully recorded the high esteem and respect in which his Honor was held by the members of the Judges of the Supreme and District Courts, but by the legal profession generally. They had also ventured to frame the address in a form which would prove a permanent memorial, and a recognition of his Honor's great services to the State. He also hoped that it would be a source of pleasure to his Honor in the years to come. He had also no doubt that it would from time to time awake memories of a bright, forensic career and life-long legal profession. The legal profession well public knew that they were about to lose a sterling friend, and while no doubt his Honor would feel a painful wrench in leaving associations with which his life had been connected during the last half-century, he said with all sincerity that he was able to look back upon his experience with the proud consciousness of duty nobly done. The many friends whom Sir Frederick Darley would leave behind expressed their sincere regret that he was no longer to stay among them; but he assured him that they would ever cherish the memory of one who had made a record as an upright man, a just and fearless Judge, and a loyal servant of the State of New South Wales.

The Chief Justice, who spoke throughout with great emotion, said:—My brother Judges of the Supreme Court and District Court, Mr. Attorney-General, and Members of the Bar,—How can you expect me to find language in which to express the feelings of my heart in receiving this address. Oh that I could feel that I really deserved all that is there so eloquently expressed! I thank you for your attendance to say farewell to one who had been the comrade of some of you at the Bar—I fear there are very few, for looking at last year's Law Almanac I find that, while on December 31, 1907, there were 175 gentlemen on the roll of barristers, there were only 36 of them who had been called to the Bar when I took my seat on the bench. I have, however, come to know and value you all since I became Chief Justice, and your future careers will always be a matter of great interest to me. I thoroughly appreciate your learning and ability, which has always been of the greatest assistance to me; it is not possible to measure that assistance, but it has been very great. In this I may include some of the youngest members, for I have had some very proper petitioners before me during the past year who have displayed marked ability in the discharge of their duty. Depend upon it, a strong and able Bar is an asset which is of great value to any country. It speaks for freedom and good government. The Bar has always been in the van when questions of freedom were involved; therefore a strong and independent Bar, from which the Judges of the land must spring, is, as I have said, an asset of which any country may well be proud. I also owe much to the loyalty, learning, and attention of my brother Judges, and you may say goodbye to them without the pang one feels in losing for ever one's dearest friends, for that is what they have been to me. And now in conclusion I desire to say one word touching the staff of the Supreme Court. The Master in Equity, the Prothonotary, and the Sheriff have been amongst my personal friends; from each of them I have received marks of personal regard. From them and from all the clerks of this department I have always received the greatest assistance in the discharge of my administrative duty; their loyalty I can say without fear of contradiction is unbounded, and your unselfish devotion to duty in the public interest have been fully met, and discharged both with credit and distinction to yourself and advantage to the public. We feel that in your retirement we are losing a conscientious, able, and courteous Judge, and that such retirement is a serious loss to the Bench, to both branches of the profession, and to the community at large. It must never be forgotten that the safety, the freedom, the very life of society in a free State is absolutely, and the last resource, centred in the steady and pure administration of justice. To use the words of one of the most learned and eloquent of advocates, "the independence of the Bench and the unswerving administration of justice is a bulwark for each citizen against the rage and violence of authority, against the violation of the laws, and against unjust prosecution. We have every thing to dread if these safeguards be weakened; we have no reason to despair while they are maintained and respected." We are proud to think that you have for so long a period so ably fulfilled your part in maintaining the independence and dignity of the Bench, and securing the unswerving administration of justice in this portion of his Majesty's dominions. In all these respects you have shown yourself a distinguished exponent of the highest traditions of your office, and a worthy successor of the able legal and eminent men who have held that office before you. It is our fervent wish that you will long enjoy the rest and repose to which your long and loyal devotion to the best interests of the public so well entitle you. For and on behalf of the council of the Law Institute of New South Wales,

FRED. CURTISS, President.

THE SUPREME COURT OFFICERS.

The Prothonotary (Mr. Walsh) also briefly addressed the Chief Justice, and on behalf of himself and fellow-officers of the Court expressed his regret at his Honor's retirement. He had the good fortune to be an officer of the Court when his Honor was elevated to the office of Chief Justice, and he could say that while the officers speedily found he was strict and particular in regard to the performance of official duties, they also discovered with equal rapidity that his Honor was full of kindness, consideration, and courtesy for the members of the staff. For this they desired him to express their deep appreciation. They had learned to be proud of their Chief Justice, and they were proud still, now that he was about to leave them, that they could still call his Honor their friend. He hoped his Honor would live for many years yet, and that his life might be filled with serenity in the performance of high social duties, which "bud in time and blossom in eternity."

The Chief Justice replied:—Mr. President and Gentlemen,—I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the address you have just presented to me. It is very true, as you remarked, "that the safety, the freedom, the very life of society in a free State is absolutely centred in the steady and pure administration of justice." No one knows better than I do the large and important part the great body to which you belong take in the steady and pure administration of justice. You are immediately in touch with the people, and you possess great power in staying litigation; and it has been my experience that this power is as a rule always exercised in the interests of your clients. In no very large a body some few, very few, may be found who forget the trust reposed in them. But you have from amongst yourselves formed this important and institute, always open to receive complaints, and then to hold the scales of justice evenly between the person complaining and the gentleman complained of. I have now been upwards of 40 years in the public service of the State, and I have indeed witnessed wondrous progress during that time, and I now lay down my task with deep regret, I may say sorrow. I cannot expect in the natural course of events that my life can be very much prolonged, but be that time long or short, I can never forget the kindness which solicitors reposed in me when at the Bar and the generous assistance they have always rendered me since I was promoted to the Bench. I feel very deeply that the time for farewell has come, but I also feel that it is quite time I made way for a younger man. I bid you all farewell, and again thank you for your address, which with that just received from the Bench and Bar will remain amongst the most precious of my possessions. I also thank the Prothonotary for the kindly way in which he has referred to me. He has always been a strong personal friend, and I take leave of him and the other officials with great regret.

During the day the tipstaffs of the Supreme Court Judges, headed by Mr. Collerprieat, waited upon the Chief Justice, and expressed their regret at his Honor's retirement from the Bench, and a hope that he would live long to enjoy his well-earned rest. Sir Frederick feelingly expressed his acknowledgments.

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The half-yearly meeting of the Australian Gaslight Company was held yesterday at the company's offices, Mr. George J. Cohen presiding. The adoption of the report and balance-sheet, the chief particulars of which have already been published, was moved by the chairman, who said that the increase in the consumption was maintained, during the past half-year 82,562,000 cubic feet more gas having been sold than for the corresponding period of last year, which was equal to a 5 7 per cent. increase. The general outlook pointed to still greater progress. The residuals, on the other hand, did not give such satisfactory results, the returns from sulphate of ammonia and coke particularly being considerably less, as they had been selling at lower prices than heretofore, the result being that they were able to dispose of the whole of the stock as it was made, instead of allowing it to accumulate. The late award of the Arbitration Court having expired, the workmen desired a new agreement, defining more fully their duties, and increasing the rate of wages in some of the departments. An inquiry conducted by three representatives each from the company and the workmen's union proved a long and tedious one, but he was pleased to say that agreements had been entered into to the end of December, 1911, without reference to the Arbitration Court, and he trusted that nothing in the future would arise to mar the good feeling existing between the company and its employees. The rearrangement of work necessitated an increase in the number of men employed, and while the extra wages to be paid, would involve the company in an additional expenditure of about £10,000 per annum, which was exceedingly heavy, but had to be conceded. One effect of the working of the new Local Government Act had been further stimulation of municipal competition in the matter of public lighting. This half-year no less than 300 lamps had been added to those previously supplied, making the total number to date 11,293. Gas-cookers had also received considerable attention. The sales during the past six months amounted to 17,400, the total number sold now being 17,400. The increase in the cookers in use augmented very considerably the day consumption of gas, which was now not far short of the quantity used at night. The number of consumers on the books was 86,035, being an increase of 2877 for the half-year. To further illustrate the growth of the company's business consequent upon extensions which are taking place, more or less, in the whole of the suburbs of Sydney, he would add that 58 miles of mains and services had been laid during the half-year to meet the demands for gas, thus increasing the total lengths of mains and services laid to 2329 miles. The report was adopted, and the dividend declared.

GRAND UNITED ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

ANNUAL REPORT.

At the annual meeting of the Sydney District of the Grand United Order of Odd-Fellows yesterday the chairman's address showed that on December 31 last the numerical strength of the order was 7062 members, which means an increase for the year of about 600; and in connection with this portion of the report the committee desire to express its pleasure with the efforts put forth by officers and members of the branches in endeavouring to secure, and in securing, candidates. During the year six new branches were opened and two small ones closed. The whole of the surplus funds in the trustees' investment account have been invested, and there is now a sum of £17,635 earning interest. In the funeral fund income has totalled £4231, while the total disbursements have amounted to £1473, leaving a credit balance on the year's transactions of £2778. The liabilities and assets account of this fund at the month's end to be £25,004. The combined fund receipts have totalled £1639, and there is a balance on the right side after all expenditure has been met of £102. A small debit balance is shown on the ball fund. Reference of an appreciative character is made to the friendly societies' subvention scheme of the Government, and one of the concluding paragraphs of the report runs: "It can be truly said that the year 1908 has been one of the busiest and most eventful in the history of our order, and the established reputation of the society (as one of the most progressive amongst the friendly societies of the State) will be still further enhanced by the legislation recorded."

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RANSFORD'S RECORDS.

TWO SEPARATE CENTURIES.

ARMSTRONG 171.

VICTORIA HAS A CHANCE.

Records! One wonders when they will cease in the current match, which will be one of the most memorable in the history of the game. Ransford, the man of the year, has annexed two Victorian records—for aggregate against New South Wales, and for two separate centuries in all Victorian first-class cricket. The aggregate record between New South Wales and Victoria has been broken. It was 1615, put up last season. The total reached is 1729, 10 short of the world's record made in Stoddart's team v New South Wales, in 1898. There are only 27 wickets accounted for, and 13 still to fall. The seven best scores in the world have been made on the Sydney Cricket Ground, and something little short of a miracle will need to happen to prevent the present engagement from making new aggregate figures. What will be necessary to stop a world's record is for the three remaining Victorians and the whole New South Wales team to be dismissed for 10 runs or under. The wicket cannot be shifted, but something should be done at the close of the match to perpetuate the memory of it, a photograph might be taken, and placed in the most important position in the pavilion. It is certainly a most remarkable one. After five days' play it is now possible to turn the ball a little with any pace.

The Victorians have put up the fight of their cricket life. They were set 815; they got 468, and had to follow on. They have wiped off their deficit, and have 99 to the good, and still three wickets to fall. What if they should win? It will be the crowning act of their 53 years of cricket against New South Wales. There was a time when New South Wales scored 402, and was beaten in one innings, notwithstanding that Victoria obtained only 482. New South Wales, on the present occasion, is not yet out of the wood.

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STUDIES RESUMED WEDNESDAY, 27th JAN.

ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

PLANTING FRUIT TREES.

THE RAMMING METHOD.

With the vast accumulation of agricultural data and experiment now available it would not be unpardonable to assume that there was nothing more to learn as far as first principles were concerned, excepting as far as all learning goes to disprove such a theory. Seldom is such a conclusion reached, however, than something transpires to combat preconceived notions and often to upset them. Of such a nature would seem conclusions arrived at by experiments in fruit-tree planting conducted at the Woburn Experimental Fruit Farm in England. This institution, which is conducted by the Duke of Bedford and Mr. Spencer U. Pickering, F.R.S., is of a standing which compels attention at least to its reports. The cause of these experiments in itself is interesting. Some years ago, one out of 60 plots of apple trees differently treated for experimental purposes, was planted in violation of the canons of good practice in order to obtain some measure of good planting, and afford an object lesson to visitors of the evils of bad planting. The effect, however, was the other way about, for the trees did better than the others. The matter was then gone into thoroughly, and after 10 years' experiments the results showed that the accepted methods of planting were not the best. These trials have been made with over 2000 trees, planted by 10 different hands, in 17 different localities, and in eight different counties.

In the first few experiments the roots of the trees were not trimmed, they were huddled into holes too small for them, and were not spread out so that many of them would be pointing downwards or bent; the earth was not shaken in amongst them, but was thrown on the top, and the whole stamped down violently. The chief effect of this violent stamping would be to injure the condition of the soil, while the other items would injure the roots. It was found that the stamping was materially beneficial and is recommended; but the other items produced little effect, and are only recommended under strict limitations. The ramming process was very different from what might be considered firm planting. A few forkfuls of earth were removed to make a shallow hole, into which the tree was put with the roots just as they happened to come. The earth was shovelled over and rammed with a heavy rammer till the whole was thoroughly puddled and shook like a jelly at each stroke. The planting was done at various times throughout the dormant season, with the soil in various conditions. Trees were planted alternately under orthodox conditions alongside, with every possible care. The authors do not question the fact that the soil, after being so puddled, was in a most unsuitable state for vegetation, and admit that if any large area round the tree was so treated the results would probably be disastrous. But the ramming, they point out, is only done over the roots themselves; and they hold that before the end of the first season the new roots formed are found to have penetrated beyond the ball of consolidated earth into the loose ground beyond. The experiments proved that ramming a tree into the soil at planting was advantageous, and resulted in increased wood formation, both in the first and second seasons; so much so, that at the end of two years the rammed tree formed half as much new wood again as the unrammed. Similarly it increased the growth of the new roots. The explanation given of this benefit from ramming is that the more intimate contact of the soil with the roots favours the development of a larger number of new rootlets from them. Where ramming is practised a wet condition of the soil is beneficial rather than otherwise, for more intimate contact between the soil and the roots can be obtained. In the experiments many of the rammed trees were planted when the soil was in such a condition that planting would have been held by most gardeners to be madness.

Summing up the results of their experiments, which included the questions of root injury, deep planting, trenching and planting in sand, very fully, the authors state that when a tree is lifted for transplanting all the delicate tips of the roots on which growth depends, are broken off; and as they cannot be reformed the existence of the tree can only be continued by its forming new, or adventitious, roots from various parts of the older roots and stem, where there are cells specially modified for the purpose. The closer the contact of the soil with the roots the more readily will these adventitious roots be formed. They hold that a tree cannot be planted too firmly in the ground, and that it should be rammed into the soil, while so long as it is not too dry the condition of the soil at the time is immaterial. Where the soil is light and sandy ramming can have little or no effect. While ramming is likely to cause some physical injury to the roots of the trees it is stated that this is rather an advantage to the tree, as it assists the formation of adventitious roots. They claim, therefore, that the precautions to avoid bending the roots and avoiding all injury to them, of spreading them out, and of trimming any roots which may have been damaged, may all be neglected without detriment to the tree, and indeed with some benefit; whilst the violent ramming of the tree into the soil, even when the latter is in a sticky condition, results in very material benefit.

ITEMS.

Grosvenor Downs station, Queensland, of 358 square miles, has been purchased by Messrs. Allen Bros., of Edgecliff, Sydney, for £14,500. The stock includes 3000 head of cattle.

Inquiries from New Zealand and Victoria for schedules of the coming Royal show are more numerous than in any previous year, which fact promises well.

Any animal that has once been stunted will get a slow start to growing again. When an animal has been stunted the profit on that one is gone, and probably the profit on several others with it.

In some wheatgrowing experiments at Willaura, Victoria, Yandilla King, a South Australian wheat, yielded better on stubble, rape fallow, and subsoil plots than Dart's Imperial or Comeback, the other varieties sown.

Rabbits are becoming troublesome in the Mount Gambier district, and a Victorian expert has been engaged to fight them on one property. His method is to dig out the burrows and then fence in the warrens. About 20 hands will be employed digging, and miles of wire netting will be needed.

The stock in the Whitton district are in good condition, but the trouble is scarcity of water. Tanks are dry which have never been empty before. The district stations are putting down wells and bores as fast as they can obtain men to do the work. There is plenty of feed about, and what is wanted is a heavy fall of rain.

A Tasmanian farmer recently decided to dispose of his herd of cows, which had been graded up for a number of years, and sold the full herd of 30 cows at £10 per head. As he has received £4 2s 6d per head for butter, and has 20 heifer calves from them of this season, he considers that the price will prove a record for Tasmania.

Messrs. Dalgety and Co., Ltd., Christchurch, N.Z., have compiled an interesting table showing the amount of frozen meat exported from New Zealand during last year, by which it appears the totals were:—Mutton, carcases 1,783,972, legs 986,354, pieces 173,145, of a total weight of 102,574,690lb; lambs, carcases 2,677,937, weighing 91,128,780lb; and beef, 86,165,466lb weight. These figures in the total ... a little less than last year, but show the enormous advance of 230 million pounds weight since the trade was started in 1882.

Some Hereford breeders at Manawatu, N.Z., have issued a challenge to the Shorthorn and Polled Angus men as the result of a controversy. The conditions are that a committee is to select three weaners of each breed in May, and distribute them over three different qualities of country—wild country in the Manawatu, the limestone hills near Ashhurst, and rich low-lying plots at Kai Iwi. The animals are to be shown at the Manawatu show for three years—as yearlings, then as two-year-olds, and then killed.

A late discovery is meat-curing by electricity. The meat is placed in tanks containing brine, in the same solution which is used in curing establishments everywhere. Electric currents are sent through the tanks. They drive the salt into and through the meat much more quickly, and distribute it much more thoroughly than is possible under the old method, in which the meat is merely allowed to soak in the brine. The originator of the process claim for it that it is quicker, more thorough, and more sanitary than the old method. Under the old method ham is cured in from 75 to 105 days. Electrically cured, it need stay in the brine but from 25 to 35 days. Under the old method bacon is cured in 22 days. Electrically cured, it remains in the brine only four days.

The second subdivisional sale of the Gostwyck estate takes place on Tuesday next at Armidale, when 10,600 acres of good country will be offered on exceptionally easy terms. The subdivision is within six to ten miles of Armidale, and is mostly open undulating country, well cleared and watered. The terms extend over 12 years.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

At the monthly meeting of the council on Wednesday the secretary reported that good progress was being made with the works on the showground, and that the position of the society with regard to the works account was about the same as at this period of last year. The farm produce and poultry committees had inspected the suggested alterations on the show ground, and they recommended that these should be carried out. This would involve changing the poultry into the farm produce building and enlarging the former poultry building by some 40ft in length. This would then be occupied by farm produce, the necessity for the change being the large increase in district and other prominent exhibits in the farm section. The recommendation was adopted.

Meetings of several section committees had been held during the month, and a number of judges had been recommended, the principal ones being the horse judges, cattle, farm and dairy produce, and sheep. The council confirmed the appointments of the judges in every case.

A letter was received from the Under-Secretary for Lands stating that the Commonwealth Government had agreed to a strip of land running back from the cattle section of the showground to a road being re-vested in the State, and this would be made available for the society. The plan showed that the strip was about 140ft wide, and contained about one acre, mostly of rocky ground. It was also stated that the State Government was agreeable to allowing a portion of the rocky ground at the back to be taken into the show ground, provided that a road was cut through the rocks by the society and properly ballasted at a suitable level. The council decided to accept with thanks the offer of the Commonwealth Government, and the president and secretary were appointed to wait on the Minister for Lands with regard to the piece held by the State.

A vacancy having occurred on the council, an election took place to fill the position, and Mr. H. Skuthorpe was appointed to the vacant seat.

WATER IN MILK.

REFRACTOMETRIC METHOD OF DETECTION.

Mr. W. P. Wilkinson, the Commonwealth Analyst, at the recent Science Congress held in Brisbane, read a paper on "The detection of added water in milk by the refractometric method," and briefly showed how it was possible to detect a minute percentage of added water as distinct from a natural watery or low quality milk. The vital point in milk analysis was that any addition of water should be fully proved, and European analysts had discovered a comparatively simple method of measuring the refractive index of the milk serum. The chief value of the determination of the refraction of milk serum lay in the fact that in comparatively long periods of time it was subject to less variation than any of the other data of milk analysis. It was independent of fat contents, and to a certain extent also of non-fatty solids. Another important point in favour of the process was that every subsequent change after milking, such as souring, etc., always gave data that invariably favoured a defendant charged with the adulteration of milk by means of water. The usefulness of this system of milk examination in relation to the control of the purity of a public milk supply was thus placed by reason of its accuracy and, under certain conditions, no difficulty would be experienced in supervising a metropolitan milk supply. The great advantages of the refractometric method for milk supply control lay in the constancy of the refraction data under those conditions which most affected the fat and non-fatty solid constituents of milk, and in the fact that this method would enable an experienced analyst to affirm definitely that milk had either been watered or obtained from an animal suffering from some form of disease, probably accompanied with fever.

While passing through Sydney on his way back to Melbourne after the conclusion of the conference Mr. Wilkinson mentioned that the refractometric process had not yet been adopted in Australia, but that the time was not far distant when it would be in regular and constant use. He thought that frequent injustice was done through the following out of the old method of analysis when it was found that the quality was slightly below the lawful standard, and that the use of the refractometric method should be put before the authorities of the various States.

ANGORA GOATS.

"J.J.F." writes:—Could you give me any information as to the prospects of success in the Angora goat industry in this State; the number rough country will carry to the acre; the price of the animals, and where obtainable; the price of the hair and weight of average fleece?

There appears to be very good prospects for the industry in this country. We have plenty of suitable land, and the industry is an expanding one. Several good flocks are now well established, and the owners are evidently satisfied with the outlook. It is impossible to say what number rough country will carry, for the term may mean anything from heavily-scrubbed land to bare rocks.

It also depends whether the goats are being used for the purpose of cleaning up or not. It is reckoned that 200 goats on 40 acres of bush will clean it out in a couple of years. The average fleece runs from 3lb to 5lb, and the value depends entirely upon quality, and ranges from 8d per lb for faulty short mohair to 1s 1/9 for choice, while long mohair is worth up to 20/ per lb. New South Wales mohair has been sold as high as 4/2 per lb. Bucks are worth from £5/5/ to £15/15/. You could ascertain the names of breeders by communicating with the secretary of the Sheepbreeders' Association, or any of the leading Sydney stock and station agents would probably be able to obtain what you want. There are several well-known breeders.

FIRE-MAKER FINED.

At the Burwood Police Court yesterday, before Mr. E. L. Maitland, S.M., an old man named Fortescue Murray, described as an agent, was charged with having, on January 25 last, at Belmore, ignited a fire of sticks within 10 yards of grass land, the leased property of Benjamin Mitchell, whereby damage had been done to the value of 25s. Defendant carried a Bible, and it was stated by the police after his conviction that he was in the habit of walking about Sydney ostentatiously carrying a Bible. Defendant, on being asked to plead, said he did it, but the fire got away from him. He at first pleaded not guilty, but subsequently withdrew that plea, and said he was guilty. Constable Burgess said he saw defendant trying to beat out the fire. He asked defendant about it, and he said he had lit a fire to boil his billy, and the fire got away from him. Several posts and grass were destroyed. Defendant said it was an accident that the fire spread, and he did his best to put it out. The magistrate imposed a fine of £5, in default two months' imprisonment.

FAILING TO DESTROY RABBITS.

PICTON.—At the Police Court on Thursday, before Mr. F. S. Adrian, P.M., Peter Maher and Arthur Rideout were proceeded against by the Picton Pastures Protection Board for failing to destroy rabbits on their holdings to the satisfaction of the board. Mr. Passmore appeared for the board. Defendants pleaded guilty, and were fined £1 and costs. George Ray was also proceeded against on a similar charge for two separate properties. Defendant was represented by Mr. Davies, and pleaded not guilty. After consultation by the parties concerned the defendant pleaded guilty in one case, and was fined £1 and costs. The second case against Ray was withdrawn.

STONE-GATHERING MACHINE.

OFFER OF A BONUS.

ADELAIDE.—The Minister for Agriculture has decided to renew the offer of a bonus of £100 for the invention of a stone-gathering machine which can be used by farmers on land required for cultivation.

SALE OF STATION PROPERTY.

YASS.—Heathfield, a property near Burrowa, 3230 acres, has been purchased by Mr. W. T. Greig at a high figure. He will take possession on February 1.

PRICKLY PEAR LEASES.

GILGANDRA.—The agitation started by the 'arigers and Settlers' Association and Progress Association for the destruction of prickly pear on Crown lands, which drew forth a promise from the Minister to make the infested areas available for settlement under special conditions, has resulted in the fulfilment of that undertaking. The Progress Association received a letter from the Under-Secretary for Lands stating that 11 leases were about to be offered, aggregating 6510 acres, in Gilgandra and Wingadee shires. Five of these, to be let by tender, comprise 3035 acres fronting Bannon Creek, within settlement lease area 793; four within forest reserve 34,217 will be disposed of by auction, these having an area of 2175 acres, fronting Castlereagh River. The other two are also to be disposed of by auction, being the last camping and stock route area 1000 acres, fronting the Castlereagh River. The letter, which was read at Wednesday night's meeting of the Progress Association, was considered satisfactory. It was decided to write to the Minister and ask what was the reason for the delay in making available the cancelled prickly pear leases on Bongeabong and Berida, the survey of 3000 acres having been completed months ago.

DAIRYING.

DAPTO.—The annual meeting of the Dapto Co-operative Dairy Company was held on Wednesday. Mr. W. J. O'Brien, chairman of directors, presiding. The secretary, Mr. R. J. Marshall, presented a statement, which showed that the position of the company had improved by about £300 during the year. Messrs. R. J. Marshall, Jas. Swan, and Edward Gibson were elected directors, and Mr. J. G. Fairley auditor. Mr. H. Fryer, manager of the Dairy Farmers' Co-operative Milk Company, who have had the Dapto factory under lease for the last 12 months, presented a statement of the working of same, which showed that a profit of £185 had been made during the year. During the same period 90 tons of butter had been manufactured at the factory, the machinery and plant of which were in good order. He said the Dairy Farmers' Milk Company were willing to lease the factory for another three months on the same terms. On the motion of Mr. R. J. Marshall, seconded by Mr. E. Gibson, the offer was unanimously accepted, and the company was thanked for the assistance it had rendered the factory.

TAMWORTH.—The eleventh half-yearly report of the directors of the Tamworth Co-operative Dairy Company shows the profit brought forward is £802. The directors' propose a dividend of 8 per cent. per annum, absorbing £119, and carrying forward to the next half-year £682.

DEATH OF STOCK.

JAMBEROO.—A district dairy farmer lost several cows (from an unknown cause). They were all in good condition, and it is supposed they died from eating some poisonous weed. Inspector Campbell (Stock and Pastures Board) and Inspector Bloomfield (Board of Health) made an examination, and could find no trace of disease. They are now experimenting on a cow, by feeding her on what is known as wild peach.

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SPORTING.

THE TURF.

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Among the departures for Melbourne on Wednesday evening were J. Johnson's pair, Irishman and Smart, the first-named of whom holds engagements in the Oakleigh Plate and Newmarket Handicap.

The Beauchamp gelding Rhoebus has been purchased by G. Gallimore, and will in future be trained by him at Randwick.

Masterpeen was yesterday struck out of the St. Leger, 1909, and La Mosca out of the Sires' Produce Stakes, Champagne Stakes, and Derby, 1909, and St. Leger, 1910.

Wagga Wagga Amateur Picnic Race Club (May 12 and 13), and H.A.C.B.S., Orange (March 17) race meetings have been granted registration by the A.J.C.

The following scratchings were recorded yesterday in connection with the Canterbury Park January meeting:—Stewards' Mile, Hope Royal; Jumpers' Flat Race, Belfry; all engagements, Highwood.

The unnamed horses entered for the Park Stakes in connection with the Canterbury Park January meeting, have been named as under:—B g by Mosart from Maribelle, "Merci"; b f by Fucile from Memento, "Mirabis"; and mare by Beauchamp (imp.) from Miss Clieveden, "Clonally."

The sum of £350 was distributed in prizes in connection with the Anniversary meeting of the Bathurst Turf Club, of which Messrs. A. E. Smith received £90, W. E. Grotefent £55, W. C. Bowman £52, L. N. Smith and E. Lawler £40 each, E. Ingersole £27, H. C. Betts £22, J. A. Buckland £23, D. Langham £16, T. J. Donoghoe £15, R. G. Gilmour £8, and W. Langby £3.

Yabba Gabba was yesterday struck out of the Warwick Handicap in connection with the February meeting of the Warwick Farm Racing Club.

The satisfactory total of 145 nominations for the seven events on the programme for the coming meeting of the Victoria Park Racing Club was received yesterday, and the entrants are of good quality.

The annual report of the Clarence River J.C. for 1908 shows that at the two-days' annual meeting the amount of £677 was paid in prize money, and the profit on the meeting was £513. On November 18 there was another race meeting, when £107 was paid in prize money, and the profit was £37. During the year a new grand stand was erected at a cost of £1289, in addition to £370 for offices and other improvements. The 39th Sires' Produce Stakes closed with nominations of seven sires, and 11 foals described. For the 40th Sires' Produce Stakes for 1910 six sires were nominated, and 20 foals described; and for the 41st Sires' Produce Stakes for 1911 seven sires were nominated; and for 1912 eight sires were nominated. The treasurer's statement shows total receipts at £3569, of which bookmakers' fees made up £241, nomination fees £201, acceptances £154, gate receipts £422, sale of privileges £309. The balance-sheet shows an estimated surplus of £2098, notwithstanding that the sum of £1759 was paid in improvements during the year.

At the annual meeting of the Wellington Picnic Race Club the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Patron, Major Barton, M.L.A.; president, Mr. J. T. P. Bassett; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. A. Gardiner and W. F. Hayley; secretary, Mr. D. French; treasurer, Mr. T. H. Cameron; committee, Messrs. W. E. Sparke, A. E. Fuller, L. S. Veech, Jas. Rutherford, jun., J. N. Smith, and J. W. G. Taylor.

The trustees of the Gilgandra Racecourse have decided to clear thoroughly the portion inside the running track. This will make the ground one of the best in the west. A scheme is also being formulated to finance the erection of a pavilion. The clearing will be done before the autumn meeting.

An elevated stand for the use of the stewards at Victoria Park Racecourse, and situated at the dividing fence between the paddock and St. Leger reserve, will be open for public inspection this afternoon.

The Corowa Race Club held its annual meeting on Thursday, when the balance-sheet was read and adopted, and the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. H. Hay; vice-presidents, Dr. W. H. Lang and Mr. D. B. Smith; committee, Messrs. F. Cullen, H. A. Hay, R. O'Leary, R. Thompson, J. J. Knight, F. Jager, S. C. Smith; treasurer, Mr J. W. Broadbent; secretary pro tem., Mr. G. C. Morphett. A race meeting was arranged for March 3.

Booran's sister, Sonato, who left Sydney last week for Adelaide, goes into P. E. Thomas' stable.

It is doubtful if Mr. R. M. Hawker's team, comprising Tiercel, Bonte, and Medaglia, will be sent across to Melbourne for the autumn racing campaign.

At a meeting of the committee of the Muswellbrook Jockey Club, held last Saturday, Mr. R. C. Hawkin was appointed secretary. It was decided that the next race meeting be held on March 25, and the sum of £150 has been provided for prize money, in addition to a silver cup valued 60 gs donated by Mr. Barnett, of Sydney, and which will supplement the prize of £25 for the Cup. Mr. E. Higgins was appointed judge; Mr. C. J. Withycombe, starter; and Mr. C. Mitchell handicapper. It was determined that the municipal council be approached with the view of endeavouring to make a proper racecourse on the local recreation reserve.

The Kosrath trainer, R. O'Connor, has secured boxes for his racehorses at Mr. J. Carmody's training establishment at Caulfield during the Victorian autumn campaign, and he will leave for the south at an early date.

Advices from Adelaide are to the effect that the Western Australian pair, Prophecy and Hauraki, have done splendidly during their short stay in that city, and were under matching orders for Melbourne on Wednesday last. They will undergo their preparation for the Victorian autumn campaign at Flemington. They are in charge of H. Holmes.

The Maltster colt Malmsey has been added to the list of goldings, and turned out for a lengthy spell. So far he has not contributed anything towards recouping his owner's outlay.

Mr. Albert Miller has decided to give the Bundook horse Two Step a chance of earning distinction over hurdles. Two Step appears among the entrants for the Hurdle Race in connection with the next meeting at Williamstown, and if he has been well schooled over the battens he is more than likely to make his debut on that course.

With Payten's team, which travelled by steamer to Melbourne recently, were two yearlings and a three-year-old filly by Lochiel, the latter named for Mr. J. Carmody, at Caulfield. The yearlings are a brother to Dunolly, by Grafton (imp.) from Aurous; and a filly by Ayr Laddie from Berenice. The colt is the property of Mr. C. L. Macdonald, and the filly has gone into Mr. W. Murray's stables.

THE MORNING GALLOPS.

The outside portion of the course proper at Randwick was open yesterday morning, but nothing of a sensational character transpired. Golden Slipper, who is under marching orders for Melbourne, shaped well over five furlongs, which she cast astern in 1m 5s. Glade occupying a second longer over a like journey. Taree put in a useful gallop over six furlongs, and a similar task was allotted King Berry, while Mascano and Footpad traversed seven furlongs in 1m 34s. Pretty Maid spurted half a mile in 53s, a record that was equalled by English, while Little Toy got over seven furlongs in 1m 36⅘s. On the tan Hope Royal and Laurel ran down half a mile in 54s. Loch Merv clipping two seconds off this time, while Barley Brew and Plunder got over a furlong further in 1m 7⅗s. Claribella was too good for Black Buck in a run over a mile which occupied 1m 52s, while Banquo slipped over five furlongs in 1m 6s, a record that Flint and Mogadore improved upon by a second. Six furlongs in 1m 21⅘s went down to Acrospire and Antium, while Perkee and Ruffo spurted half a mile in 52⅘s, and Lord Nolan traversed a mile in 1m 46s, going well throughout. A useful gallop over five furlongs was all Sweet Home was asked to do, and Kabibinokka beat Bonnie Hampton over five furlongs in 1m 6s. Virtu taking half a second longer over a similar journey. Alteration galloped a mile alone in 1m 48⅘s, and a large number of others were out for useful exercise.

VICTORIAN TRAINING NOTES.

SOME INTERESTING GALLOPS.

CAULFIELD.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

After the recent spell of cold a change to close, muggy weather set in this morning, and as a rule most of the trainers were easy on their charges. All E. Grace's horses did from half to three-quarter pacing. Naturine finished up six furlongs at the home turn in 1m 30s, and all I. Foulsham's horses worked over the same ground. Orissa and Kilbride flashed off four furlongs in 53s, and Demolition and Iolaire travelled a furlong more in 1m 6⅘s. Seddon put in an even time mile, while Starlet did not go quite so fast. Notus had a couple of spurts, of three furlongs in 43s and four in 57⅘s. Greg Dawn covered with four furlongs in 55⅘s. Bendigo and Sir Tatten did serviceable exercise. Little Lad merely cantered. Mesitress was in front of Wollara at the end of a mile and a quarter in 2m 31s. Secure and Scottish King put past five furlongs in 1m 12⅘s. Tulkeroo did a good working gallop of a mile and a quarter in 2m 34s. Wave Hill was too good for La Fastille when six furlongs had been run in 1m 20⅘s. Galeria sprinted four furlongs in 55s, but Salvia only half-paced. Orline was not extended for a mile run in 1m 52⅘s. Paraloch did long, strong exercise. Aurifera covered five furlongs to the turn in 1m 5⅕s. Munus left five furlongs behind in 1m 10s, and a furlong more in 1m 21⅕s was booked to Pealdonious. Jolly Kate left six furlongs behind in 1m 18s, pulling up at the home turn. Kiwi was responsible for seven furlongs in 1m 29⅖s. Joyful beat Tantalla at the end of a mile in 1m 49⅕s.

FLEMINGTON.

The weather was very sultry this morning, when there was a lot of galloping on the tan, which was good going; but the sand was rather dead. Dhobi ran four furlongs in 51⅕s. Verenice and Late Hours got over six furlongs in 1m 20s, and Santos was going comfortably for four furlongs in 56s. Crete was responsible for a taking performance, as she ran nine furlongs in 2m 0⅗s. After commencing steadily Scorcher gathered pace, and completed a mile and a quarter under even time. Dyed Garments also did a sound working gallop, doing a mile in 1m 55⅕s, and he looked and went well. Enchanteur pleased by spurting four furlongs in 51⅕s. Mala and Fairy Bell ran five furlongs in 1m 8s. Trafalgar and Perambulator were associated with some pacing. True Scot, Nushka, and Brookong all did striding work. Keynote gave Barm a lead over four furlongs in 59s. Curtain Lecture covered seven furlongs in 1m 35⅕s, and Paul Valmar went over four furlongs in 57⅕s, followed by Alo. Imprint had her usual two sprints over three furlongs, taking 39s on the first occasion, while Akim Foo got over the same ground in 40⅘s. Bright Steel half-paced, and Cithara went steadily. Sperry was not extended while going five furlongs in 1m 10s. Even Time was sent 11 furlongs on the sand, but took 2m 32s to do it. Two other idle workers in Somnambulist and Le Jeune completed a mile on the sand in 1m 53s, and Basso and Captain White were better than Flavian at the end of four furlongs in 54s. On the sand Featherstitch, Five Crown, Saki, Ballantrae, King's Cross, and Apple Pie all did easy work. Brasseur and Port Logan beat Maura over four furlongs in 53s. On the sand Lady Bobadil went slowly. Soultline was kept well in hand in going six furlongs in 1m 27s, while The Amazon went over the same ground in 1m 23s, and No Name did a furlong less in 1m 7⅘s.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NOTES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

R. O'Connor's team for the Victorian autumn meetings is expected at Caulfield next week. According to present arrangements it will comprise Scotland, Param, Flavine, Sunny South, and Lady Whakatiki. Sunny South is a two-year-old by Wallace from Australia.

None of T. Payten's horses at Flemington did anything but easy work this morning, but with the arrival of their trainer from Sydney they will no doubt now be pushed along. King's Cross moved nicely, and seems quite right. His unexpected scratching for the Australian Cup still provides an interesting topic of conversation in racing circles.

Alawa did not work on the Flemington tracks to-day. He has practically done nothing outside of swimming exercise since his arrival from Ballarat, and it looks a certainty now that he will not be included in the field for the Australian Cup.

T. Payten arrived from Sydney to-day. His team at Flemington will be added to in the course of a few days by the arrival of Mr. A. Wynne's three-year-old Ayr Laddie colt Banquo, who is in the Oakleigh Plate at 7st 11lb, and the Newmarket Handicap at 6st 91b. The imported horse Rouble, whose chance in the Newmarket Handicap has been freely discussed, will come over.

Stockings (by Goldstream) and a full brother to The Wizard have arrived at Caulfield from Mount Gambier, and have gone into the hands of G. Tantram.

The New Zealander Carissima, who came over with Signor, did not put in an appearance at Caulfield this morning. She is in physic.

Little Lad, who looks all right, was on the track, but merely cantered.

The Australian Cup candidate Signor has not been responsible for a great amount of work since his arrival at Caulfield. This morning he finished up some striding with a half-mile sprint. He may not, it is stated, run at the Caulfield meeting.

LISMORE TURF CLUB.

ANNUAL RACES.

SECOND DAY.

ERIN WINS CLUB HANDICAP.

LISMORE, Thursday.

The Lismore Turf Club's annual meeting was concluded yesterday. There was a small attendance, owing to the counter attraction of the burning of the first sod of the Casino-Kyogle railway. The club's flag floated at half-mast in respect to the late Mr. J. C. Gallagher, of Grafton. Results:—

Publicans' Purse of 50 sovs, 6f.—Mr. W. J. Timb's Rosella, by Ilavoe—The Rose, 7st 6lb, 1; Mr. W. J. Rummy's Lord Nelson, 8st 9lb, 2; Mr. J. Meehan's Dilla, 8st 2lb, 3. Other starters: Fugleman, 9st 7lb; Athlone, 8st 5lb; Carama, 7st 12lb; Lady Dora, 6st 7lb. Won by a length. Time, 1m 15 2-5s.

Ladies' Bangle, value £15, amateur riders, 7f.—Miss Antonelli's Bit o' Blarney, by Blarney—Wartike mare, 10st 5lb (Mr. W. Ruane), 1; Miss K. Davidson's Coolnut, 11st 10lb (Mr. Smalls), 2; Miss K. Armstrong's Landlord, 11st 10lb (Mr. W. Wilson), 3. Other starters: Miksido, 10st. Won by half-a-length. Time, 1m 35⅘s.

Trial Stakes of 20 sovs, 6f.—J. Daly's Blue Lach, by Lord Lock—Blue Bonnett, 8st 9lb, 1; Mr. A. Welsby's Greygown, 9st 3lb, 2; Mr. C. Frederick's Reine de Lis, 8st 5lb, 3. Other starters: Paris, 8st; Good Lad, 7st 7lb; Marita, 7st 5lb. Won by a head. Time, 1m 17⅘s.

Club Handicap of 60 sovs, 9f.—Mr. J. Holland's Erin, by Nobleman (imp.)—Crying Angel, 7st 12lb, 1; Mr. Young's Corak, 8st 9lb, 2; Mr. P. J. Timbs' Rosella, 8st, 3. Other starters: True Girl, 9st 5lb; Bessie Brown, 9st 2lb; Zia, 7st 10lb; Nameiboo, 7st 7lb. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 56⅘s.

Welter Handicap of 20 sovs, 7f.—Mr. A. Welsby's Grey Gown, by Nobleman—Clotilde, 8st, 1; Mr. J. Gray's Zeffer, 8st 2lb, 2; Mr. C. Baker's Lady Dora, 8st 7lb, 3. Only three started. Won easily. Time, 1m 32⅗s.

Farewell Handicap, 6f.—Mr. Brown's Bessie Brown, 8st 9lb; Mr. Holland's Erin, 8st 7lb, 2; Mr. J. Morgan's Renown, 8st 7lb, 3. Other starters: Condong, 8st 11lb; Corak, 9st 9lb; Landlord, 8st 12lb. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 16⅘s.

TASMANIAN RACING CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

KALNUCK WINS ELWICK HANDICAP.

HOBART, Thursday.

The summer meeting of the Tasmanian Racing Club was continued to-day, when the weather again was delightful, and the attendance large. Results:—

Encourage Stakes, 6f.—Mr. Patmore's Leo, by Lee Nellie—Morita, 8st 12lb (Rolfe), 1; Mr. H. E. Brock's Langloh, 8st 2lb (Jacobs), 2; Mr. Youl's Inlet, 7st 5lb (Anthony), 3. Other starters: Lady Lochrook (Brock), Dudley (Dunn), Lauriston (Foster), Myera (Mostyn Bird), Rosalie (Rouse), Vocal Mansion (Mantyn), Island King (Kearney), Studley Park (Harmer). Won by a head, a nose separating second and third. Time, 1m 21⅘s. Dividends, £2 18s.

Second Hurdle Race.—Mr. Ikin's Holdsberg, by Naples Pride, 10st 12lb (Fysh), 1; Mr. Sidebottom's Reliance, 9st 12lb (Burn), 2; Mr. Southcombe's Tomahawood (Cromin), 3. Other starters: Magnetic (Martin), R.T. (Seastream). Won by half a length; Tomahawood, some distance away, third. R.T. and Magnetic fell and the latter broke his back and was destroyed. His jockey received a severe shaking, but R.T.'s rider escaped injury. Time, 3m 57s. Dividend, £2 12s.

Tattersall's Stakes, 6f.—Mr. J. Brock's Matters, by Sundook—Fetter, 8st 3lb (Foulsham), 1; Mr. Field's Eidenholme, 9st 12lb (Payne), 2; Mr. H. E. Brock's Warrawanna, 8st (Lewis), 3. Other starters: Burnie (Reiss), Sherman (Bryan), M'Callum (Rouse). Won by a long head. Warrawenna two lengths away. Time, 1m 18 1-5s. Dividend, £2 12s.

Handicap Bracelet, 1m.—Mrs. R. Brock's Coir, 10st 4lb (Lewis), 1; Mrs. A. T. Gibson's Tatters, 10st (Rolfe), 2; Mrs. Wolfhausen's Pharos, 9st 12lb (Burn), 3. Other starters: Wenonah (Mr. Page), Leander (Mr. Haddrell), Beltana (Mr. Murphy), Footsteps (Mr. Goss). Won easily by six lengths, two lengths between second and third. Time, 1m 50s. Dividends, 10s and 5s.

Local Handicap, for three-year-olds, 7f.—Mr. S. M. Wilson's Philippic, 7st 4lb (Belton), 1; Mr. Thompson's Carman, 8st 3lb (Dunk), 2; Mr. Pinkard's Amelia, 7st 12lb (Hume), 3. Other starters: Nazzard (Campbell), Flyaway (Ross). Won by a length and a half, with Amelia two lengths away, third; and Nazzard last. Dividend, £2 15s.

Elwick Handicap, 11m.—Mr. H. E. Brock's Kalnuck, by Lochiel—Urr, 7st 6lb (Lewis), 1; Mr. Field's Phoebus, 8st 8lb (Dunne), 2; Mr. Clarke's Royal Star, 7st 12lb (Rolfe), 3. Other starters: Bolford, Offer, Mr. Drews), Autumn (Brooks), Serene (Harmer). Won by a length, with Royal Star a length and a half away. Time, 2m 13s. Dividend, £2 15s.

MORUYA RACING CLUB.

MORUYA, Thursday.

The following weights have been declared:—

Opening Handicap.—Epicene, 9st 5lb; Idalia, 8st 7lb; Mirrosal, 8st 5lb; Pagoda, 8st 5lb; Gauline, 7st; Senaline, 7st.

Moruya Cup.—Simmonides, 10st 7lb; Epicene, 9st 3lb; Tattler, 8st 12lb; Lyndon, 8st 3lb; Icicle, 8st; Mirrosal, 8st 5lb; Pagoda, 8st 12lb; Senaline, 7st; Starlight, 6st 7lb.

Moruya Cup.—Simmonides, 10st 7lb; Epicene, 9st 3lb; Tattler, 8st 12lb; Lyndon, 8st 3lb; Icicle, 8st; Mirrosal, 8st 5lb; Pagoda, 8st 12lb; Senaline, 7st; Starlight, 6st 7lb.

Hurdle Race.—Tattle, 11st 7lb; Lippo, 11st; Pagoda, 10st; Manitoba, 9st 7lb; Charles, 9st 5lb; Coucher, 9st; Starlight, 9st.

Town Plate.—Simmonides, 10st 9lb; Epicene, 9st 5lb; Tattler, 8st 9lb; Lyndon, 8st 3lb; Icicle, 8st; Mirrosal, 8st 12lb; Pagoda, 8st 12lb; Senaline, 7st; Starlight, 6st 7lb.

LAGOON JOCKEY CLUB.

BATHURST, Thursday.

The following are the entries and weights for the principal events of the Lagoon Jockey Club's annual meeting, to be held on Wednesday next:—

Opening Handicap, 6f.—Dennis, 9st 9lb; Sombra, 8st 6lb; Kanara, 8st 6lb; Bunnamagoo, 7st; Cypherite, 6st 12lb.

Trial Stakes, 6f.—Tariff, 9st 3lb; Kanara, 8st 7lb; Bungaroo, 8st 7lb; Amberant, 8st 5lb; Tragedy, 8st; Tenderness, 8st; St. Etienne, 7st 12lb; Buncamagoo, 6st 5lb; Queen Ellen, 7st; Cypherite, 7st.

Lagoon Jockey Club Handicap, 1m.—Merit, 9st 9lb; Dennis, 8st 9lb; Highland Reel, 8st 2lb; Kyogle, 7st 10lb; St. Etienne, 6st 9lb.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

COMMITTEE MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the A.J.C. committee was held yesterday afternoon, when jockeys' licences were granted to T. J. Woodgate, and W. H. Playford; No. 2 trainers' licenses to G. Champion, John Hewitt, W. A. Wilson, and C. Munt; and permission to ride in races to Fred. Hood, W. Gullum, W. G. Osborne, Norman Wood, F. C. Lamb, James Hanslow, and W. M. Harris.

The appeal of H. Lilliyman against the decision of the stewards of the day at the A.J.C. Summer Meeting, 1908, in disqualifying him for a term of two years, was dismissed, as was the appeal of W. Ruane against the decision of the Lismore Turf Club in the Greygown-Landmark case.

The entry for Dunolly for the Doncaster Handicap and Sydney Cup was declared valid on payment of a fine of £1; and on payment of the usual fee of £5, the owner of Hyman was allowed to amend the entry for the Doncaster Handicap, in which the horse's age was given as three instead of four years.

It was decided to allow the Danish Racing Club of Denmark to affiliate, and reciprocate with regard to disqualifications, etc.

The tender of Messrs. Sayles and Porter, for painting the official, St. Leger, and grand stands at Randwick was accepted.

The disqualification imposed by the Mahonga Racing Club on W. A. Quinn was removed.

SALE OF BLOOD STOCK.

Messrs. MacCabe, Morton, and Co. held a sale of blood stock at their stables, Randwick, yesterday afternoon. Buyers were scarce, and of the 24 lots submitted for public competition only eight changed hands. Loyal Blue retired from the ring unsold when competition ceased at 300gns; the Riding Master filly Necia was passed out at 180gns.; Goldpan at 105gns; Glade at 100gns; and Kabibinokka at 75gns. The following lots were sold:—

B g Stonsel, by Rosnalf—Watercolour, 4yrs; Mr. James Lloyd, 82½ gns.

Br g Flint, by Invader—Catterina, 5yrs; Mr. J. M. Allison, 250 gns.

Br g Paragon, by Medallion—Paradise, aged; Dr. Watson, 21 gns.

B h Carl Zena, by Positano (imp.)—Hallucination, 4yrs; Mr. Bowerman, 75 gns.

B m Lizzie, by President—Beau Prix, aged; Mr. H. Geran, 30 gns. (subject to owner's approval).

B h Elsie, by The Australian Peer—Gonarlee, aged; Mr. Robertson, 55 gns.

B f Lady Torrens, by Torrens—Elsie, 3yrs; Mr. Robertson, 41 gns.

Br m The Vine, by Vine—Elsie, 4yrs; Mr. Robertson, 41 gns.

CRICKET.

PARKES, Thursday.

A match between Parkes and Balderogery on Tuesday was won by the latter by 66 runs. Parkes scored 111 (Stedman 32, Moulton 31, Joyce 15, and W. Keast not out 14), and Balderogery 177 (Selby 86, Gillis not out 25, and A. Keast 23).

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The following players have been chosen to represent Victoria in the forthcoming matches against Tasmania, to be played at Hobart, commencing February 12, and at Launceston, commencing February 19:—Hartkopf, Bebes, E. Collins, H. F. Parsons, W. H. Reed, C. M'Kenzie, F. Vaughan, J. Horan, T. Horan, J. Kyles, D. Smith, J. Ainslie, and T. J. Matthews.

QUEANBEYAN, Thursday.

Queanbeyan defeated Goulburn by six wickets and ten runs. Quist 64 (retired), A. Collett 25, Davison 15, Bowden 15, were the chief contributors for Queanbeyan, who compiled 168. Goulburn scored 167, L. Kennedy 22 and T. Gleeson 15 being the only batsmen to make a stand. In their second innings they made 95.

Michelago defeated the Queanbeyan half-holiday team in a match for the Byrie cup by 50 runs.

SOFALA, Wednesday.

A match was played between Per and Sofala on Anniversary Day on the latter's wicket, Peel winning on the first innings. Scores:—Sofala, 84; Peel, 112.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

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BIRTHS.

HOWARTH.—At her residence, Cranbone, 33 Castlereagh-street, Bedford, the wife of Cyril R. Howarth—a son. Both well. New Zealand papers please copy.

MARRIAGES.

McMAHON—FORD.—January 25, at St. Barnabas' Church, Sydney, by the Rev. W. A. Charlton, Joseph, only surviving son of the late James McMahon, of Liverpool, England, to Alice, fourth daughter of George Francis Ford, of Manchester, England.

TRANTER—HOOK.—December 26, 1908, at Mission Church, Donaldston, Pennsburg, N.S.W., by the Rev. F. Barclay, William Richard Tranter, only son of John and Hannah Tranter, of Astor, Birmingham, England, to Theresa Rose Hook, youngest daughter of Augustus and Jessie Hook, of Penshurst, late of Forsyth-street, Glebe Point. Home papers please copy.

DEATHS.

ALBERT (nee CORONEL).—January 27, 1909, at Royal North Shore Hospital, Ryde, the dearly-beloved wife of William Albert and dearly-beloved youngest daughter of the late John Coronel, Bombala, and Kate Coronel, 38 Jeffery-street, North Sydney. At rest. See Funeral Notice.

BLUMER.—January 28, 1909, at her residence, 12 Gordon-street, Paddington, Sarah, relict of the late John W. Blumer, in her 81st year.

BRADBURY.—January 25, at Ashton, Allison-road, Randwick, Regia, the wife of Samuel Bradbury.

BROWN.—January 28, 1909, at Mittagong, Robert Darling, eldest son of Rose L. Brown, of 108A Broughton-street, Darlinghurst, aged 25 years.

CARLAND.—January 25, at her residence, Telegraph Hotel, John-street, Coonabarabran, Isabel, the beloved wife of P. J. Carland, aged 33 years. R.I.P.

DUNNING.—January 27, 1909, at her late residence, The Grange, in her 64th year, Juliana, beloved wife of Alderman John Dunning. By request, no flowers.

KENNY.—January 28, at his residence, Rosser-street, Balmain, John Kenny (late N.S.W. police), aged 75 years. R.I.P.

HUME.—January 27, at Sydney, John Hume, of Collingwood, Gunning, beloved husband of Ida H. Hume, and elder son of the late James and Annie Kennedy, Gunning.

MEEKS.—January 27, at her late residence, 146 Hereford-street, Forest Lodge, Mrs. Mary Meeks, the wife of the late John Meeks, aged 69.

QUICK.—January 21, at his residence, Lord's place, Orange, William John, late Education Department, aged 68 years.

ROSSBACH.—January 27, at his late residence, Vallambee, Powell-street, Killara, John Adolf, dearly beloved husband of Ruth Rossbach, in his 40th year.

WILLIAMS.—January 28, 1909, at his residence, Windermere, Church-street, Randwick, George Williams, aged 42 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

COCHRANE.—In loving memory of our son and brother, George Reuben Cochrane, who died January 29, 1907, aged 21 years. Also Amelia, who died January 26, 1888, aged 7 years. Inserted by their loving mother and father, sisters and brothers.
Silently the shadows of evening
Gathered round the faces we shall see no more.

GILCHRIST.—January 29, 1905, at the residence of her niece, Mrs. C. B. Percy, North Sydney, Margaret Gilchrist, widow of the late Drummond Gilchrist, and only beloved sister of Mr. David Bell, Melbourne. Inserted by her niece.

GLOVER.—In sad but loving memory of my dear mother, Sarah Jane Glover, who departed this life January 29, 1906; also my dear brother, Edwin Alexander Glover, who was killed by accident, March 1, 1906. Inserted by her loving and only son, Herbert Glover.

GRAY.—In sad but loving memory of my dear wife and our darling mother, Agnes McKenzie, who departed this life at her residence, 132 Henderson-road, Alexandria, January 29th, 1904, aged 47. "There is sweet rest in heaven." Inserted by her loving husband and children.

HICKSON.—In fond and loving memory of our dear father, Henry (Joseph H.) Hickson, who departed this life at Leichhardt January 29, 1905. At rest. Inserted by his loving daughter and son-in-law, Alice and Joseph Taylor.

HILL.—In loving memory of Walter Hill, who died at Kogarah, January 29, 1908. Inserted by Minnie, Olive, Daisy, Rose, and Sid.

HILL.—In loving memory of Walter E. Hill, who departed this life January 29, 1908. Inserted by his sincere friends R. and E. S.

ENGLIS.—In sad and loving remembrance of our darling and only son, Henry William (Harry), of 189 Brougham-street, died January 29th, 1908. So dearly loved, and still so sadly missed by his loving father and mother, William and Ellen Englis.

LARKIN.—In memory of my dear husband, Joseph Francis Larkin, who died January 29th, 1908. Inserted by his loving wife and little daughter, Katie.
Christ will claim the broken chain
Closer, when we meet again.

LARKIN.—A tribute of unfading love to the memory of our dear brother, Joseph Francis (Joe), who passed away January 29th, 1908.
Sleep on, dear brother, and take your rest;
They miss you most who loved you best.
Inserted by his loving sister and brother-in-law, Lottie and Will.

MEDINA.—In loving remembrance of Alfred Medina, who departed this life January 29th, 1908. Inserted by his loving brother and sister-in-law, Ben and Marie Medina.

MEDINA.—In sad but loving memory of our dear son and brother, Alf, who died at 101 Arthur-street, North Sydney, January 29, 1906, aged 22 years. Inserted by his affectionate mother and brother, Harry.

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MEDINA.—In sad but loving memory of our late dearly loved friend (Alf.), who departed this life January 29, 1908. Inserted by his loving friends, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon and family.

O'CALLAGHAN.—A token of love and respect to the memory of my dear husband and our loving father, Patrick O'Callaghan, who departed this life January 29, 1907.
Sweet be his sleep, blest be his soul. In heaven above we will meet him.
Inserted by his loving wife and family.

POPE.—In loving remembrance of my darling wife, Ellen Louisa Pope, who departed this life on January 29, 1908. Inserted by her loving husband, Hector A. Pope.
Parted; in memory sweet.
May we in Heaven meet.

POPE.—In loving remembrance of our dearly beloved mother, Ellen Louisa Pope, who departed this life January 29, 1908. Inserted by her loving son and daughter, Hector and Ilane.

POPE.—In loving memory of Ellen Louisa Pope, who departed this life January 29, 1908. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord. Inserted by her loving sisters and brothers.

ROY.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, Timothy Charles Roy, who passed away peacefully January 29, 1903. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

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Your memory is as fresh to-day
As the hour you passed away.

SEDDON.—In loving memory of my loving daughter, Alice Maud Mary Seddon, who departed this life January 29, 1908. Dead, but not forgotten.
Inserted by her loving mother and sister, May Dennett.

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TURNER.—In loving memory of Louisa A. Turner, relict of the late Frederick C. Turner, chemist, Oxford-street, city, who passed away at her residence, Vaynor, Bourke-street, Darlinghurst, on January 29, 1908. Loved on earth. Inserted by a sincere friend.

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THE SPIRIT OF UNIONISM.

In the letter from Mr. E. A. Roberts, one of the South Australian Federal members, which we publish elsewhere this morning, it will be seen that our correspondent enters somewhat at length into the merits of the dispute with the Proprietary Company. It is not our intention to follow him into the details of the working of the great mine, or to challenge his conclusions as to the amount of ore obtained, the dividends paid, or the general cost of developing the property. As Mr. Justice Higgins will soon be dealing with these matters, it is quite enough to note that the miners seem to have given much time to the whole question, and should be prepared to state their case with force and precision. All that may be offered by way of comment in passing is the reminder that, if the shareholders have been able to extract ore worth many millions from the principal Broken Hill mine, the great bulk of the money obtained for it has gone in wages and expenses. No one is likely to deny that handsome dividends have been paid, and will continue to be paid. But unless the claim is advanced that every penny won from our mines should go to the workers therein—which is undoubtedly the socialistic position—there must be a recognition of the fact that the prizes of mining spur on investors everywhere. If it were not for the Broken Hills and Mount Morgans, there would be many unprofitable mines left entirely undeveloped, a long wages list would remain unpaid because unprovided for, and the livings obtained by a multitude of men at the expense of sanguine capitalists would have to be sought in other and less remunerative spheres. To concentrate all the argument upon the Proprietary mine, and to attempt to lay down general principles therefrom, is unsound, and is certain to be misleading. We do not for a moment challenge the contention that mining is hard work, and that at Broken Hill in summer it is often cruelly trying. Nor do we deny the force of the claims which are made as to the increased cost of living in that far-away centre. Sympathy is undoubtedly due to those who have to grind and sweat on the Barrier for wages which admit of few luxuries, and which involve much scheming and endless thrift to make ends meet. But all this will not help the position by a fraction if the mines, owing to the fall in the price of metals, cannot be worked at a profit. It is useless to say that the shareholders should be prepared to put their hands in their pockets. Shares are continually changing hands, many shareholders look to their shares for an income, and have no capital to spare for calls which may be indefinite if the miners' demands are to be met at all points; and generally it is a matter for the dispassionate inquiry of a properly constituted Court rather than for the decision of men who are admittedly hostile to the capitalistic system in every shape and form. We come back to the question of the spirit which is moving unionism not only at Broken Hill, but in Sydney and elsewhere, and it is well that it should be faced fairly and squarely in days when unionist leaders are talking of a general strike, and are aiming at a dominance in politics which will lead to confiscatory laws and may breed civil war in its worst form.

No one can read the principal Broken Hill papers without realising that a spirit is moving in that far-away mining centre which is opposed to sound argument and fair dealing. We take up the "Barrier Daily Truth"—a daily Labour paper—and find in issue after issue statements which indicate that the miners' demands must be met, Court or no Court, and that arbitration is being entered upon not to help in some compromise, but to force the other side. Moreover, the way in which unionism has taken possession of the town, and has dragooned its trade, is a clear indication of what the State may expect if the socialists in politics ever get on top. At Broken Hill the tradesman dare not assert himself. He must be the servant of unionism or go under. The old unionism was willing to allow the non-unionist some chances, and the law was recognised as the higher authority to which all must bow. Picketing was used to persuade men from taking work, not as a method of obtaining direct possession of factories and mines, and of starving out everybody connected with them. Charles Reade wrote his "Put Yourself in His Place" to direct public attention to outrages by unionists, and to warn the community against the spirit which was rising; but when the public read the book and began to see and think for itself there was a tremendous awakening. Since then the new unionism, bred of socialism and forced forward by agitators who make a fine living out of it, has claimed to be a law to itself. It sets itself above the law. At Broken Hill, until the police went in force, no life was safe that did not bow at the shrine erected by Mr. Tom Mann and his friends; and now that order has been restored we hear continual rumours of a mighty upheaval. It may be largely bluster. We decline to believe that unionism in New South Wales will respond to the call for a general organised resistance of the law. But the spirit of revolt is undoubtedly active, and the community must take cognisance of it. Politics under its moving finger is to write up the dismissal of things as they are, and life is to be made impossible except as the socialist dictates. It is time that all sections of the community began seriously to ask where they are likely to get. In default of a close survey of the position they may easily be landed in a ditch dug by socialism; and a dispersion, through lack of confidence, of the capital upon which everything depends, will involve us in a common ruin.

SAFETY IN THE HARBOUR.

The Court of Marine Inquiry has now concluded its investigation into perhaps the saddest episode connected with the history of shipping in Sydney Harbour. It is, fortunately, seldom that the community receives a shock such as it did on learning that in the early hours of a summer morning fifteen useful lives had suddenly been lost. There is no need to further express a grief the manifestation of which was universal and spontaneous. All we have to do is to learn such lessons as this tragic episode can teach. After minute inquiry the Court reached a conclusion which, while plainly in accordance with the facts, does not lend itself to any but the most obvious of helpful generalisations. It is still hard to imagine how such an accident could possibly occur in broad daylight at a place where commonsense dictates the exercise of unremitted vigilance on the part of all having charge of harbour craft. The Court found blame on both sides. The launch improperly crossed the bows of the Dunmore and the master of the ship was not, according to the finding, keeping a proper look-out. Incidentally the Court laid down a proposition of some importance. In effect it declared that in the harbour it was not sufficient for sailing masters to observe the letter of the regulations for avoiding collision at sea. It is easy to state a dozen such cases where each of the parties might in turn be technically in the right but actually very much in the wrong. Above law is commonsense, and the one cannot be held exclusive of the other. As a matter of fact we owe what, all things considered, is a remarkable immunity from harbour disasters to this use of care and commonsense day in and day out. The congestion in the neighbourhood of Circular Quay is so pressing that a master who was content to live by regulations alone would quickly find himself involved, and involving others, in serious trouble. So far as this disaster is concerned what must have happened was that no proper care was being exercised on either side. Each navigator, if he thought of the matter at all, must have taken it for granted that the other would keep out of his way, and it would appear that they kept on thinking so right up to the moment of collision. The apportioning of blame in such a case is very difficult, but the Court has given a decision in which commonsense must concur. While the naval launch was held to be primarily in the wrong the absence of a proper look-out on the Dunmore was almost equally a contributing factor in the disaster. It is unfortunate in a way that the Court had jurisdiction over the master of the Dunmore and not over the man in charge of the naval launch. But this does not really obscure the nature of its finding. The results were so serious that when, in the opinion of the Court, blame had been sheeted home it had no option but to impose a penalty so far as its jurisdiction went. The moral of the whole matter is that twenty years of careful navigation will not guarantee safety if for a moment watchfulness is relaxed or regulations are adhered to in a cast-iron way when circumstances call loudly for another course. At sea, and as events prove in the harbour also, it is always the unexpected that happens, and anyone in charge of any sort of craft is failing in his duty if he is not on the look-out all the time for some emergency that in the nature of things is improbable—but which sooner or later is tolerably sure to present itself.

OPIUM'S SEDUCTION.

It is not often that Customs officials appear in so dramatic a light as they seem to have done in the recent opium seizure case. Without discussing the details that have to be established, the fact remains that the Customs men are in possession of a very large shipment of opium, worth some thousands of pounds. We know that sporadic smuggling by Chinamen does not account for operations on this scale, and there must be somewhere a deliberate and powerful organisation intended to set the law at defiance. As to that, the recent legislation prohibiting the importation of opium is decidedly drastic, and places in the hands of the authorities all the power needed to carry it into effect. Judging by our interview with Mr. Hughes, the Commonwealth Attorney-General will advise his Government to call up, if necessary, all the reserve powers of the Act; and they go as far as the confiscation of any ship that can be proved to be carrying the contraband goods. Opium does not grow in the sea outside the Heads, nor can it be fished for with any hope of success anywhere along the Australian coast, unless in the wake of a vessel from the East. Whatever may be the truth about the present case—and as to that we make no comment—this obvious generalisation holds, and the Commonwealth is therefore justified in calling upon responsible shipping companies trading to the East to do all in their power to make the Commonwealth legislation effective while it remains on the statute book. Whether it ever ought to have been there is quite another question. While we are justified in keeping a sharp eye on the opium traffic, and in restricting it as far as possible, and more especially in guarding against its use in opium dens by Europeans, we are probably going too far when we try to enforce absolute prohibition. The opium habit is not a pleasant one; but a good deal of nonsense is talked about it. Cases of terrible abuse can no doubt be discovered—and so can cases of the terrible abuse of alcohol. The average user of opium, however, among the Chinese is as temperate as most of us are with alcoholic stimulants, and it is quite an open question whether we should make criminals of these people. Habituated to the drug as they are, the sudden disuse of it, as any medical man will admit, is practically impossible, and the enormous price of a tin of opium just now shows what a premium is put on the evasion of the law. The other day it was reported from Melbourne that the hospitals were besieged by sick Chinamen, whose complaint could be pretty easily diagnosed as lack of opium. The matter is not one on which to promulgate doctrinaire opinions, but while the law is there it cannot be allowed to be a dead letter. While the Customs authorities showed commendable promptitude on this occasion, it must be remembered that they always have very drastic powers of search over every ship that enters an Australian port, and it is curious, to say the least, that these powers prove so impotent in application. The whole matter requires to be reconsidered by the Commonwealth Government. They must either admit they have overshot the mark, or provide much more effective means of preventing the landing of the drug. But whether this last will prove practicable over the whole of our immense coast line, and taking the wiles of the Celestial into account, is doubtful in the extreme.

PANAMA CANAL.

It does seem that the great Panama Canal enterprise is doomed to be dogged by scandal. In the first place, the things that were done in the name of the French company wrecked an astonishing number of reputations and created one of the most sensational financial scandals of the last century. But since the Canal and all connected with it passed to American hands, we have the quite recent charge that of the millions of compensation money paid to the French, the bulk found an improper resting-place in the hands of American boodlers. Certainly President Roosevelt has repelled the insinuation with an energy remarkable even for him; and in this instance the public is more likely to believe the President than the author of the charge. Now, however, we have a fresh sensation launched by an American senator, who seeks to implicate the brother of the President-elect, Mr. Taft, in certain alleged land frauds associated with the cession of territory in the Canal zone. All these little incidents serve to keep the Panama Canal scheme well before the public, even if they serve no other purpose. Of more real interest and consequence, however, was the statement of Mr. Taft the other day that he might yet find himself favouring the sea-level scheme. It was a most significant statement, and rather suggests to outsiders that all is not quite well with the scheme in accordance with which the work is now being carried on. It suggests that the engineers are having doubts as to whether the lock system is a sound one.

It may be remembered that the board of consulting engineers, by a majority of eight to five, recommended to Congress the straight-out cutting through of the Isthmus of Panama, thus eventually giving a canal at sea-level. But the estimate for such a work was the colossal sum of £64,000,000. The estimate for the scheme favoured by the minority was £38,000,000. Instead of a straight waterway between the two oceans—an undertaking which means cutting through a very respectable range of hills which form the backbone of the Isthmus—it contemplated an immense flight of locks up one side of the mountain, thence through a lake, and down the other side again. The conception of thus lifting battleships and mammoth merchant steamers over a ridge of high land from one ocean to the other certainly lacked nothing in boldness. It might not provide for so good a work when finished as the sea-level scheme, but the engineers said that it could be done for hardly more than half the cost; more, it could be done in half the time. Saving in money and saving in time together, but especially the saving in time, prevailed with President Roosevelt, and he, in turn, found a way of getting Congress to agree with him. Since they started, the American engineers and doctors together have triumphed over the initial difficulty, which was the one that really conquered the great de Lesseps. They have cleared the place of malaria, and made it reasonably healthy for white men to work there, whereas the labourers employed by the French company died by the thousand. But while to have done this is to have more than half won the battle, still the other half is likely to keep all their powers of skill and knowledge and determination strenuously engaged. Whether the original plan is adhered to or not, it is now very clear that the cost will greatly exceed the estimate. Mr. Roosevelt's great hope a year back was that the Canal would be open within eight years, or seven years from now. If, however, the sea-level scheme has to be reverted to it will probably be twice that length of time. In the meantime the whole world will watch the progress of this the most stupendous engineering work of the age with an interest no less keen than that of the constructing nation. As the Peruvian representative at present in our midst has just been reminding us, the existence of the Canal will open up a new prospect to South America as well as North America, and we on this side know what an immense deal it will mean to Australia, and indeed to the whole of the Pacific territories and interests.

SURF-BATHING PERILS.

The numerous cases of theft reported from the various beaches where surf bathing is indulged in keep alive the discussion of the need which exists everywhere for better accommodation. It is the scandal of our great and growing city that its principal pleasure resorts, which depend upon the ocean for their charm and prosperity, should only attract visitors to despoil them. Some persons argue that, in proportion to the number who go into the surf week in and week out round Sydney, there are not many losses of importance. They add insult to injury by declaring also that careless people must expect to suffer. If the latter will not leave their valuables in safe keeping, they court a visit from light-fingered folk, and so forth. But the cry is now a continual one, that not valuables alone, but the very clothes of the bathers are purloined; and the convictions yesterday for theft at Coogee are very much to the point. Moreover, when people go to the seaside for a bathe, and are prepared to pay a small sum for the safe-keeping of their personal effects, they should at least be given some guarantee of protection. They are attracted, and health is preserved and restored by the bathing which has now become a national pastime. The public is entitled to decent accommodation, and to adequate safeguards against theft. A demand has been made in this respect which the Government has honoured by the promise to municipalities of pound for pound as a contribution to the much-needed expenditure, and one would think that it was only a question of going straight ahead. Unfortunately even now the way is not clear. Those who have studied the law on the subject say that the municipalities have no power to spend money on accommodation for surf bathing, which must of necessity take them out of bounds. That is to say, the Crown, or the trustees of reserves at the various beaches, have control of the places where proper bathing sheds must be erected, and it is claimed that provision such as is made on the Continent of Europe and elsewhere is impossible here, because sufficient power does not exist. This is clearly a matter for the Government again. If the power really exists, there should be a speedy notification of the fact; and if it be true that the municipalities cannot legally move in the matter, there should be an early provision of power. As things stand, we may apparently go on from season to season, and everybody's business will be nobody's business. Perhaps, at last, some Minister of the Crown not enjoying too robust health will seek strength in the surf, to find his clothes stolen, and his health still further impaired by a bad cold caught while shivering as he waits for another suit. Then there will be a considerable to-do, and things will happen in a hurry which really ought to have been attended to any summer long before. But why should the public have to wait while Mr. Ashton or somebody else catches cold? Let the position be cleared at once, and the necessary money for accommodation be made available.

Saturday's "Herald."—On account of the large amount of advertising matter which has to be dealt with for Saturday's issue of the "Herald," advertisers and agents are requested to send in their advertisements as early as possible to-day, in order to facilitate classification.

Judicial Portraits.—As soon as the addresses were presented yesterday to the Chief Justice by the Bench, Bar, and solicitors, the Supreme Court Judges, at the invitation of Mr. Walsh (Prothonotary), adjourned to No. 1 Jury Court, where the portrait in oils of Sir John Nodes Dickinson, one time member of the old Judicial Bench here, was formally transferred to the Bench by the official named on behalf of Miss Helen Dickinson, daughter of the ex-Judge. The Chief Justice, in accepting the picture, said that Sir John Nodes Dickinson, M.A., was the son of Mr. Nodes Dickinson, surgeon, of London, and staff surgeon to her Majesty's forces. He was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in 1800, and in 1844, when Sir James Darling died, and Sir Alfred Stephen had been promoted to the position of Chief Justice here, Mr. Dickinson was appointed from Downing-street Puisne Judge of New South Wales. He presided soon afterwards in the celebrated trial, Bank of Australia v Bank of Australasia, and his judgment on that occasion was upheld by the Full Court and the Privy Council. Judge Dickinson occupied the Bench for 16 years, and during 1860, while Sir Alfred Stephen was absent in England on leave, he acted as Chief Justice. He was knighted in 18.. and on February 17, 1861, retired on a pension. He died at Rome on March 16, 1882.

"Snapping" the Supreme Court.—The official farewell tendered to the Chief Justice by his colleagues on the Bench, the members of the Ba.. and the other branches of the legal profession attracted a brilliant array of forensic talent yesterday. The ubiquitous photographer was there also, and though his camera was somewhat ostentatiously displayed from the front of the gallery, no one knew when the dreaded moment for posing would arrive. As a matter of fact, it came with startling suddenness. While everybody was more or less affected by the pathos of Sir Frederick Darley's farewell, and certainly not in a condition to "look pleasant," a strident voice rang out, "Gentlemen, will you kindly give me your attention for a moment!" The photographer was the master of the situation, and his invitation to those present to focus their eyes on a certain point being complied with, a flashlight illumined the court for a second or two, and the ordeal was over. Several members of the Junior Bar were inclined to the opinion that the artist was in contempt, but they were sitting under the gallery.

The City Organist.—The finance committee reconsidered its resolution as to offering a local city organist £300 a year. The idea was that if he did not take pupils he should be given more, and pupils are not good for the organ. So it was decided to recommend that applications be asked for a city organist at £400 a year for three years, and that he should not be allowed to teach pupils on the organ. What the council is aiming at now is to get a good Australian organist permanently, and to indulge the Sydney audiences, not by appointing a permanent European organist, but by getting some great organist out from time to time to give recitals. As for the Australian organist, Alderman A. Kelly suggested that Sydney should employ a number of them for short terms one after the other—find out which was the best, and then fix the salary and keep the best man.

Jam Industry Employees.—Preliminaries in connection with the application of the employees of Messrs. H. Jones and Co., jam manufacturers, were arranged by the Wages Board, sitting at the Central Police Court last night. The Peacock Jam Company lodged an objection, stating that they have no desire to be exempt from any award arrived at, provided it be general in its application throughout the State, but they oppose strongly the conditions claimed by the employees in several respects. Rates of wages, they contended, that could not possibly be paid with any hope of existence, are suggested, and rates, too, far in excess of those already established by wages boards in neighbouring States. Part of the application is in relation to hours of working. The Peacock Company maintain that this is a matter that might be left to the discretion of the employers where the 48 hours are observed. The rates suggested for overtime are opposed as excessive in comparison with those awards arrived at in other trades. As to preference to unionists, the company agrees to show no discrimination against employees making any claim under the law, "but if this is conceded," they state, "and awards are obtained regulating all conditions of labour in the industry this company objects strongly to preference being given to unionists, fearing it would mean the ruin of the industry." The evidence taking will commence on Monday night.

Two per Cent.—The City Council has allowed in the past that its electric light depreciates 2 per cent. in the year. As the year's accounts are being made out, it will allow a 2 per cent. depreciation for just that much longer. But it is to settle out of hand what is the proper depreciation henceforth. There will be more lighting, too. At yesterday's meeting of the electric light committee of the City Council Alderman Evan Jones gave notice that he was going to move that the City Council should take over the electric light stations of the Harbour Trust at Napoleon-street, Woolloomooloo, and Circular Quay.

Collecting the Land Tax.—In compliance with a request made by the City Council, the Treasurer, Mr. Waddell, has requested Mr. Brodie, who, in the absence of Mr. Spiller, is acting as deputy Chief Commissioner of Taxation, to give whatever assistance is in his power to officers of the City Council charged with the duty of making the necessary preparations for the collection of the recently transferred land tax. Mr. Brodie will advise on all matters of difficulty referred to him.

The "Engaged" Railway Compartment.—Each summer on the mountains the "engaged" compartment in the fish train of a morning and evening is a cause of irritation amongst passengers, who have to their chagrin noticed that these compartments are often occupied by only two or three people. This year there has been some trouble in this direction. It may not be generally known, however, that the Commissioners have issued very definite instructions to prevent any abuse, and that all "engaged" labels must be removed at Springwood on the journey to Sydney, whether a compartment has the full complement of passengers or not. The only members of the community who are entitled to engage compartments in this train, known officially as No. 10 express, are Ministers of the Crown and Judges, if they desire it, a privilege always extended to them. Of course, any passenger can engage a compartment if he pays six first-class fares for the journey or eight second-class fares, as the case might be, but that is a matter of business.

Penalties for Smuggling.—The frequency of the attempts made to evade the laws bearing on the introduction of undesirable immigrants and the importation of opium has been engaging the attention of the Federal law authorities. A great responsibility is thrown upon shipping companies in these respects, and heavy penalties are provided for failure to see that the requirements of the law are met. The Federal Attorney-General said yesterday that under certain circumstances the Government had power to forfeit a vessel, and that no doubt the attention of the companies interested would be directed to this power.

Improvements at Woy Woy Station.—The Chief Commissioner for Railways, in replying to a request made by residents interested that a pick-up and set-down station platform might be provided at the southern end of Woy Woy, said that considerable improvements were contemplated at the station, which would be ample to meet the needs of the district for a long time to come. There was not the slightest

INDIAN REFORMS.

REQUESTS OF MOSLEM MINORITY.

SOME CONCESSION LIKELY.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

A deputation of Indian Mohammedans waited on Lord Morley of Blackburn, Secretary of State for India, yesterday, and suggested that of the six members of the Executive Council of the Governor-General one should be a native Mohammedan and another a Hindu.

Lord Morley, in reply, emphasised that the appointment of an Indian member was intended as a signal proof that race was no disability to the attainment of that tremendous trust, but no man would be selected, either as a Hindu or a Mohammedan. While ready to make one of the six a native, he saw no chance of appointing two native members.

Lord Morley added, in reference to other suggestions, that separate electoral colleges for Mohammedans in the elections to the Viceroy's Legislative Council, would possibly be arranged.

Lord Morley of Blackburn, in a conciliatory speech, declared that the scheme of reform was generally welcomed in India, and he emphasised the goodwill borne by the Indian Civil Service to the scheme. He stated that he had also derived encouragement from the utterance of President Roosevelt, eulogising British rule in India.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CENSUS.

IN UNITED STATES.

LIBERAL METHOD OF COMPUTING.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

Including persons affiliated by family ties to members, whether they belong to the organisation or not, a census gives the Roman Catholic Church in the United States a total of 22,474,440.

Mr. G. W. Smalley, New York correspondent of the "Times," telegraphs that these statistics are useless for the purposes of comparison, inasmuch as other churches enumerate their actual members.

The Roman Catholic to which includes those in the Philippines and other islands under the United States flag, gives 14,235,451 in the United States proper.

HEROES FROM THE REPUBLIC.

OVATION IN NEW YORK.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

On landing in New York, Captain Sealby, of the wrecked steamer Republic, and Mr. John Binns, the Marconi operator of the Republic, who stuck to his post after the collision, were carried shoulder-high along the pier.

Women mobbed and smothered them with kisses.

Jan. 28.

The Senate of the State of New York has passed a resolution eulogising Mr. John Binns, Captain Sealby, and the officers and crews of the Republic and Florida.

ENCOURAGING THE BIRTH-RATE.

INTERESTING FRENCH PROPOSALS.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

At a conference of the Women's Labour League, which is being held at Portsmouth, some of the speakers advocated the State making provision for the mother four months before childbirth, and for a year afterwards.

Other speakers advocated the total prohibition of married women from the ranks of women working for a living.

CANADIAN LOAN.

UNDERWRITERS TAKE GREAT SUM.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

Canada a week ago put on the market a 3½ per cent. loan of £6,000,000 at £99 5s, having a currency of ten years. Sixty per cent. of the loan is in the hands of the underwriters, and the quotation is at 10s per cent. discount.

DEATH OF M. COQUELIN.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

The death is announced of M. Benoit Constant Coquelin (Coquelin the elder), the great French actor, aged 67 years.

Benoit Constant Coquelin was born at Boulogne in 1841, and was professionally educated at the Paris Conservatoire under Regnier. Famous in Paris as the representative comedian in the roles of the classic repertoire, such as Figaro in "Les Noces de Figaro," Diafoirus in "Le Malade Imaginaire," and Argaute in the "Fourberies de Scapin," he also brilliantly created many characters in the pieces of the day, and was regarded as at once the most innately comic and polished artist in his special genre. He many times visited London, where he made a great sensation by his wonderful acting in Rostand's masterpiece as "Cyrano de Bergerac."

CHINESE MISSION TO ENGLAND.

STUDYING BRITISH METHODS.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

Tang-shao-i, who is a son of Prince Ching, Chief of the Council of State, and who is one of the most important Chinamen, has arrived in England, with a large mission to study financial methods, conditions, and other administrative matters.

CALIFORNIA AND JAPAN.

A SPECIAL WARNING.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

Mr. Gillett, Governor of California, in a special message, warns the Californian State Legislature against passing any anti-Japanese legislation.

MYSTERIOUS EARTHQUAKE.

EXTRAORDINARY PACIFIC WAVES.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

Extraordinary waves on the coast of California and British Columbia support the theory that the seat of the mysterious earthquake is in the Pacific Ocean.

A RADIUM INSTITUTE.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

The King is about to grant a charter to establish a Royal British Radium Institute, which will include a medical department for the treatment of disease.

A syndicate has been formed to obtain radium from Cornish mines.

MR. BERTRAM MACKENNAL, A.R.A.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

Mr. Bertram Mackennal, sculptor, formerly of Australia, has been elected an Associate of the Royal Academy.

DEMANDS OF LABOUR.

INCREASED TAXES ON WEALTH.

TO ALLEVIATE POVERTY.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

At the conference of the Labour party, held at Portsmouth yesterday, under the presidency of Mr. Keir Hardie, M.P., Mr. Philip Snowden demanded that the cost of dealing with poverty should rest on unearned incomes.

Mr. Ramsay Macdonald, M.P., proposed a motion opposing increased taxation of the masses, and urging that a supertax should be placed on large incomes, special taxes on State conferred monopolies, increased estate and legacy duties, and a substantial beginning of the taxation of land values.

The motion was adopted.

THE KING.

VISIT TO MADRID CONTRADICTED.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra will visit the Queen of Spain at Villa Garcia (Galicia) at the end of February.

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The announcement made in Madrid that King Edward and Queen Alexandra are about to visit Spain is officially contradicted in London.

NAVAL EFFICIENCY.

UNITED STATES INQUIRY.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

President Roosevelt has appointed a commission of eight experienced naval officers, who have been instructed firstly to inquire into the principles of organisation which will ensure efficient preparation of the navy for war in peace time; secondly, to consider recommendations concerning changes in the present organisation to accomplish this result.

ANNEXATION HASTENED.

GREATER SERVIA CONSPIRACY.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

Dr. Wekerle, Premier of Hungary, speaking in the Lower House of the Diet at Budapesth yesterday, declared that the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina was made sooner than was intended, owing to the serious spread of the conspiracy for forming a Greater Servia, whose authors were now being prosecuted for high treason.

Fifty-two persons, mostly priests and teachers, with a few tradesmen, have been indicted at Agram, capital of Croatia-Slavonia, charged with treason in plotting to secure the separation of Croatia, Slavonia, and Bosnia, from Austria-Hungary, and their inclusion in with Servia.

A MENACING ARTICLE.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

The "Wiener Allegemeine Zeitung," a semi-official organ, published in Vienna, contains a menacing article towards Servia.

THE AGAPEMONE.

BISHOP'S LENIENCY CRITICISED.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

In view of the Consistorial Court of the diocese of Bath and Wells finding Smyth-Pigott, leader of Agapemone, guilty of immorality, great surprise is expressed that the Bishop of Bath and Wells (the Right Rev. Dr. Kennion) should have only deprived him of his license, and not have unfrocked him.

SCOTTISH INTERESTS IN THE LORDS

MINISTER CREATED A PEER.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

Mr. John Sinclair, Secretary for Scotland, has been raised to the peerage with a view of securing the presence in the House of Lords of a Cabinet Minister responsible for Scottish business.

THE EMPEROR OF CHINA.

SUFFERING FROM CONFLUENT SMALLPOX.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

Tsuan Tung (Pu-yi), the infant Emperor of China, is reported to be suffering from confluent smallpox.

MORE EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS.

EXPERIENCED IN MESSINA.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

Severe earthquake shocks have occurred in Messina.

OLIVE CROP FAILURE.

RISE IN OIL.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

Failure of the olive crop in France, Spain, and Italy has caused the price of olive oil to rise by 40 per cent., and a further advance is probable.

THE WOOL SALES.

POSTPONED THROUGH FOG.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

This afternoon's wool sales were postponed owing to a fog.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LARGE BEQUEST TO CHARITIES.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

Mr. Josiah Vavasheur, out of an estate of £311,742, bequeathed to charities, with the residue for the same purpose, £150,000.

Sir R. Anderson, late head of the Criminal Investigation Department, condemns the apathy of the Government towards anarchists.

LIBERIA APOLOGISES.

The Government of Liberia has apologised to Germany over the recently reported incident of the Liberian Customs boat Lark firing on one of the steamers of the Woermann line, off the coast of Liberia, and has also promised to punish the offenders further.

THE EMPEROR MENELIK ILL.

Reports from Paris state that the Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia is seriously ill, and it feared his death will cause serious trouble.

NAVAL DISASTER.

S.M. HERALD LIST.

Amount already acknowledged	£9 16 3
Friend	2 0 0

LONG TARIFF WAR.

GERMANY AND CANADA.

TEUTONS COMING TO TERMS.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

Sir R. J. Cartwright, Canadian Minister for Commerce, speaking in the Senate at Ottawa yesterday, stated that there had been pourparlers with German officials regarding the surtax on German goods.

The legislation of Canada, Sir R. J. Cartwright said, was not directed against Germany, and it was in the power of Germany to obtain more favourable tariff relations with Canada by placing Canada in the same position with regard to the German tariff as she held before the introduction of British preference, which caused Germany "to shake the mailed fist and put us in an unfavourable position to send goods to Germany.

"The surtax on Canadian goods followed, and as Germany sells seventold to Canada compared with sales by Canada to Germany the latter is beginning to squirm."

The tariff war between Germany and Canada has, from the German point of view, been proceeding from 1903, though according to the Canadian contention 1898 marked the beginning of the conflict. Canada having granted Great Britain preference she had no most favoured nation treatment from Germany from 1898 onwards. The Dominion, however, claimed that the imposition of the German general tariff on Canadian goods was in effect a punitive measure adopted because of the preference which she had granted to the motherland, and pointed out that Germany was treated in Canadian markets in exactly the same manner as any other foreign country. Germany refused repeated applications to allow Canadian goods in on the lower conventional tariff, whereupon Canada, in 1903, imposed a surtax upon German goods entering Canada equal to one-third of the Canadian general tariff. How that surtax affected German exports to Canada is plain by a comparison of the values for 1903 and 1906. For the former year goods of the value of £2,400,000 were exported from Germany to Canada, and in the latter year goods of the value of £1,400,000. Recently the pressure on the German Government to put an end to a tariff war, in which Germany has most to lose, has increased in intensity, and a German economic association has been formed for the purpose of furthering commercial relations between the two countries.

MADAME MELBA.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

Madame Melba sails for Australia by the R.M.S. Orontes, which left London on Friday last.

CONSOLS.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

Consols were quoted yesterday at 83¾, a fall of 10s since Thursday.

THE OPIUM SEIZURE.

MINISTER FOR CUSTOMS JUBILANT.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Mr. Tudor, Minister for Customs, expressed satisfaction at the seizure of opium in Sydney Harbour yesterday. To-day the Customs authorities received a telegram briefly detailing the main facts. These show that the opium seized is of the value of £2500. The seizure, said the Minister, shows how keenly the Customs officers are on the alert. It also shows that smugglers are prepared to take risks in the hope that they will succeed. It seems to me, however, that they will have to invent new methods if they are to be successful against the Customs officers. Two large seizures of opium have been made within a fortnight by the Sydney Customs officers.

TWO MEN CHARGED.

Before Mr. C. N. Payten, S.M., yesterday, at the Water Police Court, Ah Way, 45, a storekeeper, and Edward Merchant, 44, an engineer, were charged severally with smuggling a quantity of opium at Sydney on January 27.

Customs Inspector Donohoe applied for a remand for eight days. He stated that at the time of the arrest it was not known what quantity of opium had been smuggled. It was found to consist of 867 tins, valued roughly at £2500. It involved a maximum penalty of about £4000, representing three times the value of the opium. He asked for the remand so as to allow of the necessary notice being given of process.

The magistrate said that Supreme Court procedure could be demanded in such cases, to which Inspector Donohoe replied that they had that privilege. Such an option could not be debarred if the charge of smuggling were gone through.

Mr. Levien, who appeared for Merchant, said that the charge of smuggling would never hold, but that he had no objection to a remand.

Inspector Donohoe said that of course if it turned out to be opium prepared for smoking different proceedings might be taken, but of that he was not satisfied, as he had not had time to make a thorough examination.

Mr. Payten asked what were the facts.

Inspector Donohoe said that accused Merchant was a steamboat proprietor—(Mr. Levien: Not at all; don't say that. He was only working for wages.)—He was informed that Merchant had an interest in a water-tank launch of 20 tons. Merchant took accused Ah Way and some others outside of the Heads on Wednesday, and were seen by some Customs officers. The tins of opium had been brought into the harbour from outside the Heads, and when they were obtained by the Customs officers the bags containing them were soaking wet.

Mr. Levien: You are a little too sudden. It was outside the Heads.

Inspector Donohoe: Yes, but it was inside the harbour where we recovered the tins—just near Blue's Point.

Mr. Payten remanded the accused to February 5, and allowed bail—Merchant, self in £300 and two sureties in £150 each or one in £300; and Ah Way, self in £400 and two sureties in £200 each or one in £400.

AUSTRALIA V. REST OF AUSTRALIA.

The selectors for the Australian XI. have invited the following 23 players for the match Australia v Rest of Australia, which begins in Sydney this day week:—

N.S.W.	VICTORIA.
M.A. Noble	W. Carkeek
V. Trumper	G. Hazlitt
C. G. Macartney	L. P. Vernon
S. E. Gregory	J. V. Saunders
W. Bardsley	P. M'Alister
H. Carter	V. Ransford
A. Cotter	W. W. Armstrong
A. J. Hopkins	F. Laver
C. H. Gorry	SOUTH AUSTRALIA.
QUEENSLAND.	E. R. Mayne
C. E. Simpson.	D. R. A. Gehrs
W. AUSTRALIA.	J. A. O'Connor
E. F. Parker.	L. R. Hill

It will be noticed that Barnes is not included, and also that three wicketkeepers have been requisitioned, Carter and Gorry of New South Wales, and Carkeek, of Victoria. R. J. Hartigan, of Queensland, will not be available for the match in Sydney.

The Melbourne match has been practically decided upon, and will take place immediately after the Sydney contest, and at its conclusion the Australian team for England will be chosen.

Mr. W. P. M'Elhone, hon. secretary to the Board of Control has received a cable message from Hill, at Launceston, stating he is unable to accept the invitation to join the team for England.

The second match between Australia and Rest of Australia, to take place in Melbourne, has now been practically arranged. The team for England will not be chosen until after the second Rest of Australia match, which will begin on Friday week.

RUSSIAN SAILORS' SWIM.

THREE MILES IN SHARK-INFESTED WATER.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Two Russian sailors, on the County of Merioneth, which is lying at the Semaphore anchorage, swam ashore on Tuesday night and escaped. The swim, which is nearly three miles in water where sharks are frequent visitors was a hazardous undertaking.

A DEFECTIVE BRAKE.

BLACKTOWN, Thursday.

The air brake on the engine attached to the Richmond train became defective yesterday morning, disorganising the working of the train on its scheduled time. In several cases the train shot past the platforms, and had to be brought back. The engine was uncoupled at Parramatta, and replaced. The delay of the arrival of the train in Sydney caused much inconvenience to the regular travellers.

ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE.

PERSONAL NARRATIVES.

DESCRIPTION BAFFLED.

HORROR AND DESOLATION ABOUND.

HOW RESCUE CAME.

LONDON, January 1 (via Fremantle).

A few leading truths are slowly being evolved from the chaos of the narrative concerning the catastrophe in Southern Italy. For once, picture-writing and phrase-making of special correspondents proved utterly inadequate. The world beyond the stricken districts is now seeking to reconstruct the tragic story from the experiences of survivors in the centres of the disaster. A few of the more striking stories are given below, but first a few words showing the magnitude of the disaster.

THE AFFECTED DISTRICTS.

In all, a district stretching 110 miles from north to south, and 30 miles from east to west, was affected by earthquake. Messina was completely wrecked. Reggio was destroyed. Indeed, the first news from the town came to the outer world in the form of a Marconigram from the officer of an Italian torpedo boat to his superior officer. He had been sent from Messina to Reggio to make inquiries. His report ran:—"I cannot find Reggio. If it exists it is no longer where it was." Montelcone, with a population of 10,000, has lost at least one-fifth of its population. A town of similar size, say, to that of Port Melbourne, such as Pizzio and Bagnarahave, suffered in similar fashion. As if these horrors were not sufficient the convulsion of land and sea seemed to have created a new country. In the Straits of Messina the coastline has changed. Channels and currents have been altered. The famous whirlpool, Charybdis, has shifted its position, and navigation at present is almost impossible.

The Italian Government is faced with the possibility of finding that large sums spent on fortifying the Straits of Messina will be thrown away. There is even a possibility that the traffic from Marseilles and Naples may have to be diverted, and navigation between Europe and Australia be delayed 24 hours. Small wonder that some of the unfortunates who experienced so tremendous a catastrophe believed that the very end of all things had come.

Practically all accounts agree upon these points. The people in the various towns were asleep at the time. The shock came without warning a little after 5. It lasted over 30 seconds, and literally swung buildings out of the perpendicular and let them crash in a heap of ruins. Then came fires, explosions of gasometers, and finally a huge tidal wave of liquid mud, which swept over the quays and engulfed the low-lying portions of the towns, drowning miserable beings pinned beneath the ruined buildings. This is why no satisfactory estimate of the probable deaths has yet been made. Some say 150,000, others 200,000. Weeks must elapse before the whole truth is known.

"A HELLISH SCENE."

Here is a typical story told by a woman who had reached Palermo from Messina:—"It was a hellish scene. We were still sleeping, when we were suddenly awakened by a strange noise. The windows were all rattling and the doors burst open with a bang. Some of us were thrown out of bed by the violence of the shock. A deluge of rain was falling, and it was very dark. 'Terremoto, terremoto!' we shrieked, all shivering with terror. Scarcely half-clothed I fled with my brother and sister; but I lost them in the street. Other people were running to and fro crying desperately, shouting for help, and invoking the Madonna and saints. All around us were crumbling walls, crashing windows, splintering woodwork. The water came up to our knees, and near the sea front all the steamers were flooded. The muddy water roared terribly, and battered everything with incredible violence.

"I ran, without knowing where I was going. How I was seized and taken on a boat and brought to Palermo I can't remember. My God, what a tremendous night! Where are my brother Carlo and my sister Carmela?"

THE SCENE VISUALISED.

A young doctor of Messina, named Aliotto Rossi, tells the following story:—"I rose early on Monday morning, intending to leave Messina by an early train. It was still dark, and I was waiting ready to start when the profound silence which precedes the dawn was broken by an extraordinary noise. I can best describe it as like the bursting of a thousand bombs. This was followed by a rushing torrential rain. Then there was a sinister whistling, just as if thousands of red-hot iron rods were hissing in icy water. I did not realise what was happening, until suddenly the violent rhythmic movements of the surrounding walls made me realise the awful fact that an earthquake was in progress. Around me splintered glass fell thickly. A roof burst, giving off thick clouds of choking dust, which added to the horror of the situation, while the ground was shaken by an extraordinary double movement of rising and falling, which had a peculiar effect, making me imagine I had been seized suddenly with illness.

"For the moment I was in a dazed condition, till the thunder of falling stones from crumbling walls made me realise that if I was to escape with my life there was not a moment to be lost. I rushed into the room where my mother and sister slept, and succeeded, with the help of a strong cord, in rescuing not only them, but 36 other people in a dwelling, who had given themselves up for lost. Then, with the help of some passing soldiers, I dragged out several women and children from under tottering walls of half-destroyed palaces, which soon after came down with a crash. Now, there were heaps of ruins both in the street and in the squares, where I sought refuge for the trembling party, in charge of which I placed myself. There were scenes of indescribable horror. It was difficult to see in the dust-laden half-darkness, but at every turn one could not help noticing a ghastly spectacle—human limbs sticking out from the mass of ruins, frenzied relatives with bare bleeding hands sought to dig out dear ones from underfallen masonry, though often the walls which had not altogether collapsed came down suddenly, and buried them, with their dead relatives, in a common grave. All the while shrieks and imprecations were heard from miserable ravaging fugitives, who rushed half-naked bleeding through the streets, appearing like spectres in the lurid atmosphere, which began to be lit up by fires, which broke out in the ruins. The waterpipes having been broken, our sufferings were intensified by the lack of drinking water. We were driven to assuage our burning by rinsing our mouths with sea water, wherewith we washed even our wounds. Luckily we found a grocer's shop in only a half-ruined condition. We rushed to get food and water, and found two welcome boxes of mineral waters, which were a God-send to the sufferers.

"All this time a most furious rainstorm, which came down like a waterspout, was deluging the ruins, and even threatening the unfortunate fugitives with drowning in the mire left by the receding sea. Finally, we succeeded in reaching the English steamer Ebro."

Most of the fugitives who have given accounts of the catastrophe were too much under the impression of terror, too full of their agonised search for relatives who were lost, to give any detailed narratives. Some have arrived in Rome. Among them is Signor Birgot, Syndic of Capriola, who seems to be the only visitor who escaped from the hotel Trinacria. His room was near the top of the house. He was awakened by a violent shock about 5 a.m., which nearly threw him from his bed. He had hardly put his feet to the ground when he felt himself hurled into the air, and then falling, with the roof coming down over him. When he recovered his senses he found himself imprisoned in a narrow space, unable to move hand or foot. He noticed a feeble ray of light near his head which came through an opening blocked by some stuff, curtain or carpet, which pressed against his face. This stuff he literally bit away with his teeth till he made a clearer passage, and then not long after he could make his voice heard. He managed to attract attention, and was rescued from the ruins, which packed him in.

AMONG THE FUGITIVES.

The Ebro, of the Wilson line, was moored off Messina when the earthquake occurred. She brought away many wounded fugitives, among them Mr. Ogston, British Consul. Of many other English people in Mr. Ogston's house nearly all were killed. Mr. Ogston, who was badly injured, escaped with one of his children by a miracle. He was living at the top of a high house with his wife and children. He remembers being roused by his wife, who called him to fetch their infant child. He shouted to her to follow him through the door of a room. Then the roof must have fallen, and he was found in the street with the child in his arms calling for help an hour and a half afterwards, having till then lain unconscious. An English clergyman's family and the American Consul and family were all killed. The majority of the German colony were saved and taken off in the steamer Therapia to Naples.

A carbineer named Castro tells how the day before the disaster, being unwell, he was sent to the military hospital. Roused during the early morning by a tremendous roaring he thought it was the nightmare, and as he felt himself falling it seemed to him as though he had awoke in hell to the sound of infernal shrieks. He soon realised what had happened. He lay still in bed, which struck the floor below, and was precipitated still further until finally it reached the ground with the man still on it uninjured.

Another aspect of the disaster is described by a chemist named Pulco, who was in a ferry boat. He was crossing in the early morning from Messina to Reggio. Suddenly a gale arose, bringing with it a huge sea. The boat seemed to be made of paper, as it was dashed into the shore and swept back again by the receding wave. Most of the people on board were drowned, but the boat, by a curious chance, floated, and escaped serious injury. Pulco and the few other survivors, after the first panic, made their way on shore to Messina, and found it like a city of the dead. There was nobody about, and the profound silence was only broken by moans, groans, and shrieks of the injured. Pulco and his companions tried to rescue some of them, but the task was beyond their powers owing to the condition of the wrecked houses. In one piazza they found a group of people completely naked.

The captain of the Russian cruiser Admiral Makaroff told of similar experiences. After the shock there were no fewer than four great waves in succession, the sea rising from 12 to 24 and even 30 feet. He saw a few survivors wandering about the shore half naked, starved, and mad with terror.

Under a bed miraculously lodged on a piece of wreckage two babies were found gravely playing with buttons. Many children were found clinging despairingly to the dead bodies of their mothers. The Russian sailors saved numbers of children, many of whom were mere babies, and carried them on board. Several were stricken with madness, and tottered on deck, shielding their heads with their arms, as though still in the midst of falling masonry. In all the Russian sailors saved more than 1000 people in Messina.

THE RUINS DESCRIBED.

A day or two later a more complete survey of the city became possible. The Marquis di Ruvolito, one of the first correspondents who arrived at Messina, sent the following account to the "Daily Mail" by motor car to Catania:—"When the steamer arrived in front of the town she was surrounded by a flotilla of boats, loaded with men and women, who demanded food and drink. From the sea the captain gained the impression that Messina was intact, for the large palaces on the front were still standing, but behind all was emptiness and ruin. The beach was furrowed with enormous clefts, into which the sea rushed, and from which sulphurous vapours were escaping. The sailors landed, and the work of rescue began at once. Among the buildings demolished was the barracks of the Carabineers. Fifty of the Carabineers perished in its ruins. A palace of twenty-six rooms collapsed, and of its inmates only four escaped. Of the Hotel Trinacria only the facade remains. The cathedral, with all its works of art, has been destroyed. The famous Victor Emmanuel Theatre no longer exists. The seaward fronts of University and Palazzo Municipale remain, but the interiors were burnt out. The buildings along the waterside collapsed like a house of cards. The Santella Barracks were destroyed, with most of the troops in them, only thirty soldiers escaping of 230. The immense military hospital was wrecked, with sick and convalescent within. The prison collapsed, and buried 400 prisoners, while thirty others made their escape. The Corso Cavour at Messina is nothing but a huge mound of stones.

"We first saw a homeless family sitting on a heap of stones. They were half naked, and huddled together under a single umbrella. Hard by a poor white-haired woman was shivering on the ground, covered only with a bed quilt. She begged help, saying she had been an artiste at Pelolo Theatre. She was barefooted, practically naked, and said she had eaten nothing for three days. The station was thronged with a half-mad terrified crowd. There was no water, nothing to eat, nowhere to sit down. Numbers of peasants from the country surrounding Messina have flocked into town to rob corpses and sack the ruins. The authorities have ordered that these ghouls, when found, be immediately shot. Twenty were thus executed yesterday. Martial law has been proclaimed."

Dr. Bruno Aliotti furnished the correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" with a thrilling account of the stricken town. Describing a journey to the steamer, Dr. Aliotti says:—"We had to climb over blocks of masonry and numbers of human bodies, which were lying about in heaps. We saw a monastery of Franciscan monks, which was completely demolished. From one of the monks we learned that he and his companions had all been saved. The Monastery of Visitation, which was used as an orphanage, was half destroyed, and the children and nuns were grouped about the shattered pile praying. From another orphanage, which accommodated 65 girls, only 20 were saved. But our doleful crossing of the town was not finished. We perceived the convent of San Gaetano totally demolished, but learned all the occupants had escaped with their lives. In every street we heard pitiful cries for help, and invocations of the Madonna and saints. The central station was badly damaged, and all around there reigned a deafening tumult. On entering the building we witnessed a terrible scene. A number of people were fighting to get into the goods depot, and the more violent among them broke windows and pillaged the place, carrying away all sorts of articles. Accompanied by two monks we left the station, and soon found our way to the shore.

"While the steamer was leaving the shore, renewed shouts assailed our ears. We witnessed a scene of savagery—one of those demonstrations of criminal madness for which it is scarcely possible to find any justification. A crowd of persons of all descriptions and every age, some naked, others half-clothed, and nearly all injured, rushed to the Customs. The officers were quite unable to offer resistance to the frenzied mob. Suddenly reports of revolvers rang out, and the people were fighting among themselves for a handful of vegetables or a small piece of bread. From the deck of the steamer we watched this terrifying sight."

REGGIO DESERTED.

Considerably less is known of what happened at Reggio. Wrecked by the earthquake and half obliterated by the sea, Reggio was forsaken for three whole days, while rescuers were at work in Messina on the other side of the Straits. It was only after the arrival of King Victor Emmanuel that any systematic rescue work was attempted. Every town within 25 miles had been wrecked. No train could approach nearer than this. At one little place, Bagnara, surgical operations were being performed with pruning knives. Amongst some fugitives from Reggio, who arrived at the station Catannaro Marina, were two monks of the Capuchin and Franciscan orders, accompanied by three young ladies from an institution of St. Vincent de Paul. In words broken by emotion the Monks told a pitiful story. "We were in our cells when we felt a most violent shock of earthquake. We immediately hurried across the yard, praying God to preserve us from a terrible collapse, and the Almighty kept us from harm. It was truly a miracle. Reggio—alas, it is almost entirely demolished. A few buildings, the Bank of Naples and the Bank of Italy, are still standing, but it is feared that they, too, will soon collapse. Castello is in ruins, and the barracks fell, burying 750 out of 900 soldiers. The citizens who are left are suffering from hunger and thirst. The water supply has completely disappeared, and, of course, there is no bread."

Three young ladies named Franzoli, who had travelled in company with the Monks, told the story of their miraculous escape from disaster. "We were in bed," said one, "when there was a loud rumbling around us. The school building seemed to be falling to pieces. Seeing the imminence of my peril I threw myself out of the window. It was on the fourth story, and I fell to the pavement below, but was only slightly hurt. Some of my companions followed my example, and were saved. Of 21 nuns seven are dead, and the others are badly injured. Of 60 pupils all are dead except 11, and they are in a serious condition. All the servants of the convent are dead."

FAILURE TO REALISE CALAMITY.

To prove how utterly unexpected this ruin was, the experiences of two Messageries Maritime boats in the Straits should be mentioned. Both were passing Messina early on Monday morning, and experienced the shock of earthquake. At 7 o'clock the first vessel, the Orenoque, sighted Messina, which was seen to have suffered from the earthquake. The liner is a mailboat, and did not put into the harbour to offer assistance. Her sister boat, the Euphrate, received the shock of the earthquake, and it was at first thought that a submerged rock had been struck. However, no damage could be found. When the captain tried to take his bearings once more he found the lighthouse at Messina had disappeared. Yet he went on. It was only when Marseilles was reached that those on board understood what had happened.

CITIZENS' RELIEF FUND.

The following subscriptions have been received to date:—

Amount previously acknowledged	£3,013 12 8
Congregational Church, Windsor	2 17 6
North Sydney Baptist Church	2 15 7
Ashfield Baptist Tabernacle	3 5 3
Petty Sessions Clerks' Union	19 13 0
Methodist Church, Mosman	2 6 8
Methodist Church, Neutral Bay	1 5 9
Waverley Methodist Church	1 10 0
Methodist Churches, Cowra Circuit	2 6 3
Methodist Churches, Spring Hill and Millthorpe Circuit	1 11 0
Mayfield Circuit, Methodist Church	0 13 6
Morpe Methodist Church	0 10 6
Portland Circuit, Methodist Church, including donation of 10s from Mrs. Charleston	2 5 6
Albury Circuit, Methodist Church	1 12 6
Burwood Circuit, Methodist Church	8 16 10
Campbelltown Methodist Church	5 5 0
Mr. Alexander Gordon, K.C.	2 2 0
Mr. C. E. Greaves	1 1 0
Methodist Church, Manilla	2 0 7
East Maitland Methodist Church	2 14 6
Singleton Methodist Church	2 10 0
Balmain Congregational Church	2 11 6
Christ Church, Bexley	2 13 0
St. John's Church, Darlinghurst (additional)	1 0 0
Messrs. Howse and Craig	2 2 0
The Italian Consul	200 0 0
Total	£3,282 19 11

S.M. HERALD LIST.

Amount already acknowledged	£150 10 9
J. R. Harding	9 0 0
	£159 12 9

THE NEW MARKETS.

TENDERS OPENED.

WIDENING THE APPROACHES.

The tenders for Sydney's new markets have been opened. An offer to do the whole work in 36 weeks, and floor the building with asphalt for £36,675, was received from Messrs. John Howie and Sons. There were 10 other tenders—11 in all, and on 10 of them the deposit of £500 had been paid. Messrs. J. Howie and Sons' tender was the lowest. The city's own officers made out an estimate of £53,409. Mr. R. H. Brodrick recommended that Messrs. John Howie and Sons' tender be accepted; and the finance committee yesterday recommended this to the council.

If this matter is settled at the next council meeting the new markets will be finished in October. In order that there should be plenty of room to get to them the Lord Mayor has a plan of widening the Sussex Hay streets corner. The following minute from him, suggesting that a valuation be taken there, was yesterday adopted by the finance committee.

"The very desirable improvement of the corner of Sussex-street and Hay-street will give direct communication with the new markets, and I am strongly of opinion this improvement is very desirable for the public interest, otherwise there will be considerable congestion at the intersection named, and it will be very detrimental to the city's interest, if the proposed improvement is not fairly considered."

The committee decided to recommend that the values should be taken.

AUSTRALIA'S IMMIGRATION POLICY.

IGNORANT GERMAN LEGISLATOR.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

During the debate on shipping subsidies which took place on Tuesday in the German Reichstag Herr Horman remarked that Australia was following an erroneous and narrow minded immigration policy, and was aiming to exclude the competition for foreign labourers, without whom the development of Australia was impossible.

The Minister for External Affairs (Mr. Batchelor) was asked to-day to express an opinion on this attitude. "If Herr Horman really made the remarks attributed to him," said Mr. Batchelor, "he speaks entirely in ignorance. I will not say that he is wilful, misrepresenting the position. The fact that an Immigration Restriction Act applied only to Asiatics is proof of this. No white man has ever been called upon to pass the dictation test. There are no restrictions against white men, Germans or others, coming to Australia."

The same speaker, in his speech on subsidies to the Norddeutscher-Lloyd Company services in the South Seas, said that it was natural that Australia should not view German development with satisfaction, and if the German line were discontinued it would be from reasons emanating from Australia. Referring to this, Mr. Batchelor said: "I am not aware that Australian shipping comes into competition to any great extent with the Norddeutscher-Lloyd line in the South Seas. Th only German possession at all at which Australian-subsidised ships touch is the line mentioned, and that is Marshall Islands. The cablegram seems to me to be very obscure. As to the possible wiping out of German interests by Australian enterprise, we do not touch at Samoa, a German possession. The chances are that in their anxiety to obtain a subsidy members of the Reichstag are making the best possible case for themselves without strict regard to facts."

MEAT FOR GREAT BRITAIN.

NEW ZEALAND'S PROTEST.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

Sir Joseph Ward has cabled to the High Commissioner as follows, on the subject of the British Government's prohibition of the entry into Great Britain of frozen kidneys and other offal:—"See Home Government, and point out this to be a very serious matter, and will handicap the New Zealand trade. As the whole business is under inspection here there would be no justification for such a course with respect to New Zealand. The action is generally regarded as most unfriendly to the Dominion. Before any action is taken they think that as a matter of fairness full information should be furnished the Government, and in places where current contracts or shipments afloat are concerned these should be exempted until a settlement is arrived at. The matter is a very important one, and should be glad if you would give immediate attention."

ONE PARLIAMENT ONE JOB.

PERTH, Thursday.

The A.N.A. held a conversazione last night, when several stirring speeches were made by prominent men. During the course of his remarks, when proposing the "Federal and State Parliaments," Sir Walter James said he believed that there was perhaps too great a tendency on the part of the Federal Parliament to shut their eyes to work immediately at hand and look far away to another man's work. This was strange at the present time, for in the Federal Parliament there were many men who believed in one man one job. Surely it followed one Parliament one job. As time went on, and the Federal Parliament justified itself with works, its jurisdiction would extend; but they wanted to cope with the work that was at hand first. He trusted Federal members would devote themselves to the work of solving Federal problems, and leave State legislatures to cope with State problems.

THE BRIDGETOWN TRAGEDY.

PERTH, Thursday.

At an inquest held at Bridgetown on Monday touching the death of Colin and Donald Ross, a verdict was returned that Colin Ross died from the effects of a bullet fired by his son, and that Donald Ross committed suicide during temporary insanity.

CONTROL OF LABOUR.

A SUPREME AUTHORITY.

SYDNEY COUNCIL'S POWERS.

80,000 MEN AFFECTED.

Unions affiliated with the Sydney Labour Council, representing some 80,000 men, are still placed in the possible predicament of being called out on strike at any time. But, according to the amended resolution which was carried last night, the council now reserves to itself the right of withholding support, or suspending or expelling the offending union or district council.

In substitution for the motion (which was under discussion a week ago) the executive recommended the following as a new rule (rule 7):—

In the event of any affiliated union or district council ordering its members to cease work, or taking any action calculated to involve other unions or district councils affiliated to the Labour Council of New South Wales in industrial trouble, or to necessitate an appeal for financial assistance, without first affording the Labour Council ample opportunity for investigating the matter in dispute, with a view to securing a peaceful settlement of the difficulty where practicable, the Labour Council shall reserve to itself the right of withholding support, or suspending or expelling the offending union or district council.

Mr. H. Connell (Ironmoulders) moved this motion. If the council had power to say that any or all unions should cease work, it should have power, he said, to restrain any union from going out on its own initiative.

Mr. D. E. Black (who had framed the previous motion) accepted this, and it became the motion before the council.

Mr. E. J. Kavanagh, ex-president, suggested that the matter might be referred back, so that there might be provision made for controlling a union "refusing to strike," the same as for controlling a union striking "against the council's wishes."

The president, Mr. H. Thyer, in answer to a question, said a union by affiliation would, under rule 8, render itself liable to abide by the council's decision whether to go out on strike or remain at work.

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we know what side the police are on. How much longer shall we stand this brutality?"

Accused was fined £5, or two months, and ordered to find a surety for £50 to be of good behaviour for 12 months, in default six months' imprisonment.

Thos. M'Pherson, 50, labourer, was charged with using insulting words.

Accused said he saw a man struck down with a baton, and was being hit while he was on his knees, and accused said: "That's a — cowardly action." Accused had one arm affected by paralysis, and had been 13 months in the hospital. Anything he said was uttered in the heat of the moment, in the excitement.

Accused was ordered to find a surety of £10 to be of good behaviour for six months, or go to gaol for seven days.

John Robert Byrne, 25, miner, was charged with assaulting Constable Harris in the execution of his duty.

Accused said that while the crowd was being pushed back by the police he was struck on the head from behind with something which he concluded was a baton. He was stunned, and the next he knew he was being taken to the lockup. He did not remember hitting Harris while the latter was arresting M'Pherson, as alleged by the police.

Mr. Barnett: I will defer sentencing this man till sentencing the other men found guilty of assaulting the police.

Leopold Anthony, 22, gigman, was charged with stone-throwing, also behaving in a riotous manner.

Mr. Robison said that as it had little bearing on these specific charges he would not place any importance on the fact that a loaded revolver was found on accused.

Accused said he was standing on the footpath. The crowd forced him back, and he fell over a bicycle. As he was about to rise a constable arrested him. He never had a stone in his hand that day.

Accused was fined £2, or one month, for stone-throwing, and in regard to riotous conduct was ordered to enter into recognisance of £10, and find one surety of £20, to be of good behaviour for six months, in default one month's imprisonment.

Percy Fiveash, 23, labourer, was charged with assaulting Constable Travers, and also riotous behaviour.

Accused denied having struck Travers. He saw someone else strike the constable, and immediately the latter arrested accused.

At the conclusion of this case Mr. Barnett directed that the accused Fiveash, Byrne, and Drummond should be called before him, and to these he said: "For riotous conduct you will be required to find sureties each of £20 to keep the peace for six months, in default one month's imprisonment. On these minor charges I have been intentionally lenient, because I know that in such circumstances as those disclosed in the evidence a man may let himself go, but it is quite hopeless to come before me charged with assaulting the police and expecting clemency.

Speaking to Fiveash, he said: "You, at least, had the courage to strike a constable while he was face to face with you, and therefore were not as cowardly as the others. You are fined £10, in default four months' gaol."

Turning to Byrne, his Worship said: "You hit a constable while he was trying to arrest a prisoner, and you hurt him severely. It was a cowardly assault, and a vicious one, and you are sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment with hard labour, in the Broken Hill gaol."

Then addressing Drummond, Mr. Barnett said: "Your case is the worst of the lot. You were cowardly enough to kick a constable in the side when he was in a stooping position, and all his attention was being given to a prisoner. As to the possibility of you not being the right man, when you have the assistance of two solicitors and counsel of the highest standing who could prove your innocence, then there can be little doubt in the mind of the magistrate. You are sentenced to nine week's imprisonment with hard labour, in the Broken Hill gaol."

The court then adjourned till the following morning.

TOM MANN'S BAIL.

WILL HE GO TO PORT PIRIE?

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

During the Court proceedings this morning Mr. Gannon said he had been requested to ask on behalf of Tom Mann whether the restrictions imposed by the magistrate regarding Mann's participation in the dispute were applicable outside the State. Supposing Mann went to, say, Tasmania or Queensland, could he take part in any meetings?

Mr Barnett intimated that he would give an answer after lunch, and on the Court resuming he said: "The object I had in view in receiving Mann to enter into recognisances will be amply satisfied by the insertion of the words 'within the State of New South Wales.'"

On this being communicated to Mann, he accepted the conditions, and was released.

INTERVIEW WITH TOM MANN.

On being released, Mann, in the course of an interview, said that the conditions imposed as now defined would suit him, though he would have preferred to have been quite unhampered in order to continue his work. Asked definitely if he would go to Port Pirie, Mann replied promptly, "I will."

SILVERTON TRAMWAY EMPLOYEES

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

Addressing a mass meeting last night, Mr. W. Rosser, a member of the combined unions, said that the Silverton Tramway Employees' Association and Loco. Enginedrivers and Fireman's Association had been asked to come out on strike. Mr. Finlay, secretary of the Silverton tramway employees, said to-day that no such request had been made, and there was no immediate intention of the railway men doing as was suggested. It was generally now that a shortage of trucks for the mines was threatened the other day. The mines in operation promptly got to work, and sent telegrams to Adelaide, demanding a speedy sufficiency of trucks. Mr. Eley, general manager of the Silverton Tramway Company, sent a similar communication. The trucks were soon forthcoming. The official plea was that the trucks were required for wheat carriage. This trouble was in no way connected with the local unions; but the unions, having knowledge of it, consider they have a right to retaliate. They have not yet definitely decided to do so; but they are arranging details so that immediate action may be taken when they think the time is ripe. Of course, in the case of loco. enginemen, they cannot strike without local consent of the whole society, which must give a three-fourths majority; but the unions think this can be secured. This is a blow being held in reserve; but when delivered, if delivered, it will be a heavy blow. One immediate result will be to cause the prompt closing of all the mines in work under the higher wages. It is thought that if these mines are forced to close the companies concerned will use their influence to induce the Proprietary and Block 10 to consent to the men's demands. This is the union's objective. If railway communication with Broken Hill is closed food supplies will shorten for everyone, and prices will rise; but the unions regard this prospective temporary inconvenience with equanimity, in view of the final success. For the moment the proposal is only in the air, but any day may see its fulfilment. As one leading unionist said to-day: "We are in for a fight, and we must do all we can to win, and we'll do it. There is not going to be any violence, but we want to have our way."

MR. GRIFFITH REMAINS IN SYDNEY.

In our issue of Wednesday a statement appears from our Broken Hill correspondent to the effect that Mr. Arthur Griffith had notified the combined unions that he would not visit the Barrier unless some special occasion should arise, making his presence there necessary. We have been asked to state that Mr. Griffith last week wired the secretary of the combined unions that he would visit Broken Hill immediately if the unions considered any particular development made it desirable that he should do so. The combined unions discussed the question, and wired Mr. Griffith to the effect that as matters stood at present they considered he could be of more service to them by remaining in the metropolis, and requested him to do so.

AT THE LABOUR COUNCIL.

BROKEN HILL DELEGATION.

A SYMPATHETIC RESOLUTION.

GOVERNMENT CONSPIRACY ALLEGED.

An allegation of "deliberate conspiracy" was made against the Government of New South Wales in a resolution which was carried at last night's largely-attended meeting of the Sydney Labour Council. In the discussion the name of Tom Mann had prominence, but it was only that he, "as an Australian citizen," was denied the rights, on bail, of the "numblest citizen."

Mr. A. H. Griffith, M.L.A., and Mr. Jabez Wright were welcomed as representing the Barrier District Council. The president, Mr. H. Thyer, read a letter (signed by the president and secretary of the Broken Hill executive), stating that these gentlemen were authorised to confer with the council "on all matters connected with the industrial movement."

Mr. Wright stated that the Political Labour League had carried a resolution objecting to Tom Mann being deprived, if on bail, of the full rights of citizenship. The arrest of Mann and others was, in the first place, he said, a gross interference with the liberties of the people. The Mayor had given permission for the band, the pickets, and other men to walk. Mann, he contended, did nothing to justify the police in arresting him. He had to spend the night in gaol, and when bail was fixed it was at £210 for each. (Shame.) It should have been fixed at £20. But no. The hurriedly-appointed Acting S.M., Major Crane, fixed it at this high figure. It was with the greatest difficulty that sureties could be obtained who would be accepted. Major Crane had refused six men of good standing, whose paper he (Mr. Wright) would take for £500. This heavy bail was, no doubt, a premeditated act. Mr. Barnett, S.M., had openly stated from the Bench that he had been sent there "to protect the police." He (Mr. Wright) had always understood that the position of a magistrate was to review evidence and say whether the police or anybody else was right or wrong.

Mr. Griffith, M.L.A., explained that he was remaining in Sydney at the wish of the combined unions' executive. He also entered his protest against an Australian citizen having his citizen rights, when on bail, taken away. From the days of King John it had never been said that any man out on bail should not exercise his citizen rights.

Mr. Bourke (Tobacco Workers' Union) asked what was the result of Mr. Griffith's interview with the Chief Secretary respecting Sunday meetings.

Mr. Griffith said the "infamous bill" preventing Sunday meetings was not as yet in operation, and would not be for some weeks to come. Mr. Wood had told him that if the police had prevented the meeting at Broken Hill they had acted without legal warrant for so doing. (Shame.)

Mr. R. Speirs (Electrical Trades) asked if they could not get a magistrate at Broken Hill in place of Mr. Barnett. What sort of justice he asked, could they get from him?

Mr. Wright: Just the sort of justice that one might expect from a man who works for a man he has to obey.

Voices: Well, can't we shift him?

Mr. Wright: How can we?

Voices: "Dynamite," and "Dynamite is better than Roche."

Mr. M. J. Reddy (Pressers) moved the following.—"That this council enters its strongest protest against the action of Stipendiary Magistrate Barnett in imposing bail conditions upon Tom Mann in the case just concluded, which take away rights which should not be denied the humblest citizen, and we view the action as part of a deliberate conspiracy on the part of the Government to strike at the Broken Hill unionists by gagging their official mouthpiece."

Mr. W. J. Perrin (Amalgamated Carpenters) seconded the motion.

Mr. E. J. Kavanagh (Pressers), an ex-president of the council, spoke strongly against the interference with citizen rights and what he termed the "maladministration of justice." He hoped the council would show that it was opposed to the treatment meted out by the police through the Government and with the aid of the stipendiary magistrate.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Hugh Connell (Ironmoulders) moved the following.—"That the sympathy of the council be extended to the Broken Hill miners in their fight for better conditions or for conditions which previously obtained, and assures them that, so far as the delegates of the unions are concerned, they will do their utmost to see that the necessary fighting finances are forthcoming."

Mr. P. Reidy (Ironworkers' Assistants) seconded the resolution.

Mr. Wright explained that Tom Mann was not at Broken Hill as a socialist, but merely in the capacity of an organiser.

Mr. Arthur Cooper (secretary of the Federated Seamen's Union) expressed satisfaction at hearing this statement. He had, he said, been unable to supply the information at the last meeting of his union. Four hundred men in the Seamen's Union were out of employment in consequence of the Broken Hill trouble, and he took it for granted they would prefer that the funds should be used for the assistance of the Broken Hill men. He hoped that the fight would be victory for unionism.

The motion was agreed to unanimously.

The Political Labour Conference also carried unanimously a resolution in regard to the arrests similar to that passed by the Labour Council.

AWAITING ARBITRATION.

SERIOUS STEPS DEFERRED.

Pending the arbitration proceedings of next week, the Sydney Labour Council, with its present great powers in a time of a crisis, does not propose taking any drastic action, but, said an authority last night at the council meeting, "if the arbitration decision should go in favour of the mine-owners, I cannot say what will happen." It has been decided that the official delegates of the council, Messrs. Farrar and Hogan, shall remain at Broken Hill until recalled by the executive."

UNION SUBSCRIPTIONS.

At last night's meeting of the Sydney Labour Council it was announced that the Boilermakers' Union had subscribed £100 for the relief of the Broken Hill miners, their wives, and families, and that the Seamen's Union had given a further sum of £100. This union, Mr. Cooper, the secretary, explained, would give £50 a week until such time as a resolution might be carried to discontinue doing so.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Kindly permit me to present to your readers some few figures and other truths in relation to the lockout at the Barrier.

The Broken Hill Proprietary Company was registered in 1885. There are 7700 shareholders—2365 in Australia, and 5405 in parts over the sea—holding respectively 294,690 and 755,310 shares. The shareholders have not been consulted about the lockout; it is therefore, at present solely a directors' fight to reduce wages. When the majority of the shareholders may think that the directors should have acted differently. The original issue of shares was on July 14, 1885—16,000 at £20, "paid up" to £19. They, however, went as follows:—4,000 to vendors "paid up" to £15, and 2000 cash payment "paid" to £19 per share upon cash payment of £9. The books closed on February 27, 1889, for the purpose of subdivision of the original shares into 10 shares for every single share held, thereby making 160,000 of the face value of £2 each. A call of 2s per £2 share was made, payable on September 11, 1889, in order to make the shares "fully paid." The books closed on February 27, 1890, for the subdivision of the 160,000 shares into five each on the colonial register (800,000), and one new share in the London issue for every five old shares (160,000), or a total of 960,000 shares of the face value of 8s each—£384,000 capital. The actual money paid in, however, is little more than one-fourth that amount. The last balance-sheet was presented to the shareholders at the half-yearly meeting held in Melbourne on August 28, 1908. In that balance-sheet, part of the secretary's sworn declaration—in accordance with the Victorian Company Act, 1896—is as follows:—

1. That the liability of the members is limited.

2. That the capital of the company is £384,000, divided into 960,000 shares of £8 each, as to 800,000 of which 4 4d per share, amounting in all to £14,000, as to 100,000 of which 6/ per share, amounting in all to £30,000, and as to 160,000 of which 8/ per share, amounting in all to £64,000, is actually bona fide paid in money.

It will therefore be seen that the total of subscribed capital, that is, money paid, is only £98,000, or 2s 6d 94d per share. Capital working capital in 22½ years, namely, to November 30, 1907, the following results were obtained:—

Wages	£2,000,000
Dividends, Nos. 1 to 151	5,872,000
Cash bonuses	472,000
Cash from the British	576,000
Shares from Block 10	912,000
Shares from Block 14	672,000
Shares from the British	400,000

It will be seen that £11,424,000 has actually gone to the shareholders. Since then another 1s 6d dividend has been paid, amounting to £72,000. The assets of the company on November 30, 1907 (inclusive of the reserve fund, £225,000, and the insurance funds, £35,000, but exclusive of plant, machinery, etc., amounting to £397,159, and mine account £287,117 1s 8d, amounted to

Less liabilities same date ..	£718,470 18 11 186,810 12 3
Balance	£531,660 6 8

The directors' statement was that "after making due provision for all outstanding liabilities there remains liquid assets, in cash, bullion, and other convertible stocks, representing a total value of £497,471 9s 6d." It will be seen that the shareholders have had, and still have, "a pretty good thing."

A brief investigation of the present situation will be interesting. When the chairman of directors in August last intimated their intention to reduce wages he said:—"It was now impossible for the directors to make both ends meet with lead under £13 15s per ton." That does not seem to agree with the fact that for the six and a half years ended May last lead averaged £12 10s 8d. Yet during that period the net profits were £1,879,627, or an average of £134,258 each half-year on a paid-up capital of £98,000. For the half-year ending November 1906, alone, the shareholders received in dividends and bonuses 6s per share, or only 1½d less than three times the money paid in. For the half-year ending May, 1908, when reviewing which the directors' lament was uttered, a net profit of £212,776 was recorded, after writing off £7612 7s 3d for depreciation. But in addition a dividend (No. 152) of 1s 6d per share was paid without touching the reserve fund. The dividend amounted to £72,000, equal to 150 per cent. per annum on the paid capital, practically 38 per cent. per annum of the face value (8s) of each share, and approximately 7½ per cent. per annum on the gambling price (40s) of each share. The balance in profit and loss account, after paying the dividend, was £525,703 15s 8d. The liquid assets were £45,000 less than at the end of the previous half-year. The chairman of directors is reported as saying:—"The shareholders are not getting a fair or in any way an adequate return for their enterprise." Different definitions will no doubt be given of "adequate" and "enterprise"; but surely the miners, refiners, and smelters, together with their wives and families, are not to be further squeezed below the poverty line in order that shareholders may receive more than eleven and a half millions of money in 23 years on a paid-up capital of £98,000. The ethical standard will be low indeed if the community permits its wage-earners to be kicked and buffeted in order to pay excessive dividends on each successive share gamble, or whenever market-riggers choose to "bear" the price of any particular commodity. Although the directors had determined upon fight—the chairman is thus reported:—"However, the fight was almost bound to come, and we had better have it out now," words that create the impression that the present price of metals was not the determining factor—it is worthy of note that they continued to draw their net fees at the rate of £500 a year each, while other incidentals do not appear to have suffered. Perhaps the following will be interesting in respect of the half-year that is claimed not to have given "adequate return for enterprise":—

The sum of £30,462 7s 3d was spent on construction, and £33,554 on exploration and development. Only 272,557 tons of ore were raised, as against 318,158 tons in the previous half, leaving a shortage of 38,601 tons. The general manager reported:—

The shortage was caused through stoppage of 14 days at Christmas—cleaning out boilers—and another stoppage at Easter. The average value of the output was nearly 1 per cent. of lead higher than during the previous term. The cost of mining was about 1/ in excess of the previous half-year's cost, owing to reduced tonnage.

The net profit for the last half-year was equal to 1s 8d per ton of ore mined. It seems reasonable to believe that had the previous term's activity been maintained, instead of a profit of 1s 8d per ton on 273,557 tons, it would have been 2s 8d per ton on 312,158 tons. The cash difference is £18,834 13s, equal to a dividend of 4¼d per share. I have no knowledge of the mine, but practical miners at Broken Hill are publicly asserting that a large body of ore was mined, worked to a certain standard of payability, and then left idle in the mine. Summed up, the financial position is as follows:—In 23 years the shareholders have had £11,496,000, or more than 117 times the amount of bona-fide paid-up capital. Each year of the 23 they received 50 per cent. on the paid-up capital. That is equal to 125 per cent. per annum on the face value (8s) of the shares, or 25 per cent per annum on the approximate gambling price (40s) of the shares. Surely those figures should satisfy the most greedy. Even as they put to rout the directors' statement that shareholders are "not getting a fair nor in any way an adequate return for their enterprise." In addition, the shareholders still have the mine, which on last Friday's market price of shares (38s 3d, buyers) is worth £1,836,000. But, putting aside the mine and the gambling feature, the shareholders have, as per balance-sheet presented to them on August 28 last:—

Mine account	£287,117 1 8
Plant, machinery, etc.	422,000 0 0
Liquid assets clear of all liabilities	452,503 0 4
Total	£1,161,620 2 0

All, all this, dividends, bonuses, mine and other assets in 23 years on a paid-up capital of £98,000! And during the whole 23 years the miners, refiners, and smelters have had but a bare existence wage. Permit me now to refer to another aspect of the case. The company's reply to the plaint of the men, filed in the Arbitration Court, contains the following:—

They say, further, that whatever may be the conditions affecting these other companies under the existing circumstances of the respondents with respect to the nature and the amount of the ore remaining available for treatment, the increasing cost of treatment, and other matters affecting profitable working thereof, to compel the respondents to pay wages set out in that agreement would place serious difficulties in the way of their carrying on mining operations therein and the present prices of metals, and would not be fair and reasonable.

That is a serious statement, one that may have a disquieting effect upon the share market. It leaves the impression that the respondents can "see the end," that the amount of ore available for treatment is appreciably decreasing; and that its lead percentage is less. Unfortunately for the respondents, it does not agree with statements recently reported. In the article "Miner" of August 17, 1905, the chairman of directors is reported as saying "the mine at present looked better." Again, on August 28 last, when moving the adoption of the balance-sheet, the same person spoke thus:—

On November 30 last there were 2,645,000 tons, since which there have been raised 273,557 tons, leaving on March 31, 2,380,443 tons, which, on the output, was nearly 1 per cent. of lead higher than during the previous term. The cost of mining was about 1/ in excess of the previous half-year's cost, owing to reduced tonnage.

The general manager also reported:—"The assay value of the output was nearly 1 per cent. of lead higher than during the previous term." So much for the inference conveyed in the words "nature and the amount of the ore remaining available for treatment," with respect to the "increasing cost of treatment" and the life of the mine, the following extracts from the same speech will be reassuring to shareholders:—

An elevator has also been installed for lifting the mill drainage and accompanying slimes and solids instead of allowing same to settle in tanks. This method is resulting in a satisfactory saving in labour.

How they seem to gleefully record every saving!

Rag houses are to be erected at an estimated cost of £2300, to deal with the lead fumes, but it is expected these will more than pay for themselves in less than 12 months.

That is not nearly up to the usual rate of dividend.

New workshops have been completed, and all machinery removed and erected, from which great advantages have been derived, and the necessity for working night shift has not risen, which has resulted in a considerable saving. These shops are quite up-to-date with all conveniences, and will meet our requirements for many years to come.

That clearly indicates that provision is being made for many years of active life, and that a long period will elapse before the mine is placed on the old-age pension list. It is intended to continue the erection of the zinc or spelter plant to the value of £100,000 (£19,000 has already been expended). Dealing with this question, the chairman said:—

The building of the furnaces will be proceeded with at an early date, and it is estimated they will be at work about January, 1910, and producing spelter in July, 1910. No difficulty is anticipated in securing the necessary clay in Australia, nor with our ultimate conditions. The production of the ten furnaces is estimated at 8000 tons spelter per annum, for all of which a market is available in the Commonwealth and the East, and with spelter at £25 per ton very satisfactory profits will be secured. Our production and stock of raw material on hand at Broken Hill is computed to be sufficient to keep the ten furnaces supplied for 20 years, and it is the treatment in this manner will be more advantageous than selling as concentrates.

Dealing with the question of water supply from the Broken Hill Water Supply Company, Limited, the chairman of directors let loose some of his sarcasm, because apparently that company is doing, at the expense of the Proprietary, what the Proprietary insist upon doing at the expense of the miners, refiners, and smelters. Said he:—

Their charge until January 1 next still being at the maximum rate of 5s per thousand gallons, when, the directors of directors puts it, they will magnanimously reduce the rate to 4s 5d per 1000 gallons, conditional upon no opposition scheme.

Those statements seem to conflict with the "increasing cost of treatment," and the veiled suggestion that the mine is likely to "peter" or "pan" out at an early date. The company's reply to the men's plea against reduction of wages also contains this:—

The respondents dispute the facts stated in paragraph 2, and do not admit that the fact that certain other companies have entered into the terms mentioned in the claim ought to govern or regulate the relations of the respondents and the claimants.

If the chairman of directors is in any way responsible for that reply, he must have a short memory, or his logic is at fault. As Adelaide daily paper of the 5th inst thus reports him in a special interview:—

Why should the Proprietary Company have to pay a day more at Port Pirie than the workers get at Wallaroo, where we have keen competition in the smelting business?

Evidently the chairman of directors reasons that if a company some 80 miles distant, and in different circumstances, pays a low wage, his company has a perfect right to come down to that level; but if several companies working within a few feet and in entirely similar circumstances pay a higher wage, his company must not be expected to come up to that standard. It seems to the writer that no unbiassed person looking over the finances of the mine will come to any other conclusion than that it is well able to pay the rates of the last two years, and which the directors of other mines at the Hill have agreed in amicable conference to pay. All that the wealth producers ask is that their wages shall not be reduced, and with that request there can be few citizens who will not sympathise.

In an issue of the "Barrier Miner," from which a few of the above figures were taken, the following is recorded:—"Proprietary mine fatality." "Inquest on Thomas Hopkins." "Accidental death."

The Coroner said "He did not think it was necessary to address the jury. The occurrence was one of those unfortunate things that were liable to happen to miners."

I am, etc.,

E. A. ROBERTS.

Parliament House, Adelaide, Jan. 26.

THE WALLABIES.

CRUSHING DEFEAT IN WALES.

(BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, Jan. 1 (via Fremantle).

The expected has happened, and both Swansea and Cardiff have defeated the Australians. There is no excuse to be offered. At their best the Wallabies are a fine side, but they are not the equals of the best Welsh sides in point of finesse and strategic resource. Fertility of resource has indeed been a feature of the Welsh campaign against the tourists. Recognising the danger in the swift Australian attack in the open, and knowing that throughout the tour the Wallabies have been uncomfortable in front of stalwart forward attacks, the Welshmen cleverly readjusted their game in all the recent matches. The brilliant three-quarter passing rushes for which Welsh football has long been famous were subordinated to forward rallies, bursts through the scrummage, ball at toe, wall-like dribbling rushes, all of which obviously disconcerted the Australians in the international game, pressed them hard in the Newport and Abertillery matches, and have now defeated them at Swansea, and materially assisted the brilliant movements of the Cardiff back division. It is this strategical adaptability which more than most other things has ensured for Wales the football supremacy for years past. England is hoping to beat Wales this year. It will be the first time for 16 years. On the comparative form of English and Welsh sides against the Australians, there is not the slightest warrant for England's hope. The Australians have a fairly legitimate grievance, perhaps, in respect of a programme which has set them against the two strongest sides in the three kingdoms on practically consecutive days, Saturday and the Monday following, and which placed those matches and the desperate encounters in Wales generally in the closing weeks of a strenuous tour. The men have lost some of their dash. They are more than a trifle tired. Game after game recently has seen them serving themselves to one most desperate struggle with the great side of footballers, who have been preparing for weeks past to meet them. I believe the best Welsh football to be superior to ours, but I would have been better pleased to have seen some of these fierce Cymric struggles decided a month ago.

A crowd of 40,000 swarmed the Swansea ground on Boxing Day. Various other Welsh Rugby fixtures for the day were decided in the morning, and 60 excursion trains ran from various centres to Swansea. Few of their occupants came to see us win, naturally; and at the end of the game, therefore, the vast crowds were carried away again in the highest good humour and full of patriotic enthusiasm. As a matter of fact, we never looked like winning. But for the fine tackling of the majority of our back division the Welsh score would have been much greater, for rush after rush overwhelmed our forwards, and the game was always in danger of collapse. As usual, we secured the ball freely enough from the scrum, but the attacking power of our backs was far below requirements; while our own secured from an occasional scrum, the combined elusiveness of their brilliant halves and their reverse passes and clever points fairly bewildered Wood and M'Kivatt. Swansea's first try resulted from one of the many forward rushes. The loose, and shortly afterwards Bancroft kicked a penalty goal. In the second half, with a strong wind now in their favour, the Wallabies remained ineffective, and though they changed their tactics and played the high punt and follow up game the Welshmen were always too quick. In the last quarter of the game the Welsh three-quarters opened out, and gave some pretty displays of passing, from one of which, a particularly brilliant piece of combined work, Trew was almost over. However, if we could not score we could defend, and we did that successfully, no side finding the points at 8 to nothing.

The game became over-strenuous towards the end, and Griffen was ordered off for rough play, a misdemeanour in excuse for which, I understand, he pleads gross provocation. Richards played a wonderful game for us. He was the greatest man on the field, in fact. He was magnificent both in attack and defence, and staved off certain scores more than once by brilliant feats of individualism. Moran, Smith, Tyne, Prentice, and Charrington are not playing. M'Cabe played on the left wing of the three-quarter line with little result. The men worked hard to score, but were far below their best in point of cleverness.

We were defeated at Swansea. At Cardiff on Monday we were routed, the gate attendance numbered 30,000, giving the satisfactory total of 165,000 for the three big Welsh games. Our prevailing blizzard had swept Wales on Sunday, and only by herculean efforts was the ground cleared of snow in time for the game, while tons of straw had to be burnt where the turf had frozen. Moran and Bede Smith reappeared in the side, while Richards had a spell. The Wallabies' display was much below their best. They were not nearly good enough for Cardiff. They were beaten forward, and they were beaten behind. Cardiff played a brilliant winning game from the outset. For once the opposing forwards heeled as well as the Wallabies, and when the Cardiff backs got going, so faultlessly calculated were the passing movements and the position of the men that the defence was always hopeless. It is not so difficult to stop a single attacker. When he reaches your last line of defence, tumbled on either side by flying support you may stop him, but you cannot prevent a score. Carmichael found that out more than once on Monday. Our two scores were the result of cleverness. In the first case M'Kivatt and Wood caught Cardiff napping by a fine run-on and M'Kivatt got in easily as they passed at the right moment to Hickey, who scored. In the second case, Middleton broke away splendidly from a line-out, and near the line transferred to Moran, who made no mistake. At half-time Cardiff was leading, 8 to 3, two unconverted tries and a penalty goal, consequent on an offside rush round the scrum by Row.

Early in the second half A. Burge was ordered off the field for kicking an opponent. This was a very regrettable incident, not only because it followed so close upon the Griffen trouble at Swansea, but because Mr. Gil. Evans, Monday's referee, is a thoroughly reliable man, and because also it was Burge who was accused by the Welsh journals of deliberately injuring Trew by a kick during the international game on the same ground. It is possible that this third case of ordering off is the only one that has really deserved the drastic sentence. Certainly, it was not surprising that Burge left the field amid a storm of hooting. There really should be no room in a touring team of Australian representatives for anyone who is capable of deliberately kicking a prostrate antagonist. It is an offence for which there can be no excuse, not even allowed to hot blood.

On resumption the Wallabies seemed quite demoralised, and after a good run Gibbs crosskicked, and Williams, on the other wing, scored. Bush converted. Wood cleared cleverly, and Carmichael stopped another combined attack by a muddle save. Working into Cardiff quarters, Middleton and Moran manoeuvred our second try, already mentioned, and Carmichael converted. Cardiff then came with a wholesale attack, beautifully opened by Bush, Dyke scoring. Immediately on resumption Bush dropped a goal from amongst a group of players, and directly afterwards Williams scored from a run down the wing. Time was then called, Cardiff having bagged 24 points in every possible way, viz., one goal from a try, one penalty goal, one dropped goal, and four tries, against one goal and one try (8 points).

A LIQUOR ACT POINT.

LIABILITY OF A LICENSEE.

WEST WYALONG, Thursday.

An important point was raised by Mr. G. P. Evans, solicitor, at West Wyalong Police Court, in a case in which an hotelkeeper was charged with permitting his son, a lad under 17 years of age, to be in the bar of his licensed premises. Mr. Evans pointed out that section 13 of the Act provided that no female under the age of 21 other than the wife or daughter of the licensee would be allowed in the bar, and contended that if the daughter could, it might be taken for granted that the same applied to the son or any member of the family. The case was adjourned for a fortnight, in order to give Mr. Gibson, P.M., time to consider, in case of a conviction, whether he could state a case for the Full Court as asked for by Mr. Evans.

BITTEN BY A SNAKE.

BRAIDWOOD, Thursday.

Patrick Barrett, while engaged packing timber at Bedervale, was bitten on the finger by a brown snake. He was brought to town and successfully treated.

OVERCOME BY FUMES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Michael Grogan, a labourer, employed at Fyansford Cement Works, Geelong, was overcome by fumes in the lime pit this morning, and died before medical assistance could be secured.

CITY IMPROVEMENT.

OXFORD-STREET TO MOORE PARK.

VALUES TO BE TAKEN.

It has become generally understood, as was recently reported in the "Herald," that the widening of Oxford-street is to be done by the City Council if at all. The Lord Mayor yesterday presented a minute to the finance committee of the City Council suggesting that they should get the values taken of those properties which would have to be resumed in his scheme for widening the avenue from Oxford-street to Moore Park.

"The proposed extension of Flinders-street, outlined in my minute of the 4th inst," he said, "will give a continuous wide street, extending from Macquarie-street right to Moore Park, and has not yet been complied with; and I propose submitting this scheme in conjunction with the widening of Oxford-street proper, thus making one complete plan of improvement. The cost of the complete services of Messers. Richardson and Wrench and Raine and Horne, including valuators' reports, attending conferences, attending court, and all other incidental work in connection therewith, would be 153 guineas."

The minute went on to explain why this particular portion needed valuing. "The valuations obtained in 1906," it said, "are available in the above matter, with the exception of that portion of the proposed improvement extending from Bourke-street to the council's boundary, where it connects with the borough of Paddington. This I am anxious to have included in the proposed scheme of improvement in regard to which I will be submitting a proposal during the next month for the approval of council."

The minute also recommended valuations of an improvement at the corner of Sussex and Hay streets at a cost of 15 guineas, "making a total of 168 guineas, with the understanding that, in the event of the council deciding not to go on with any valuation of the schemes, one-third of the valuation fees as quoted would be deducted.

"The matter of these improvements," it continued, "is one of extreme urgency, as within these last few days certain plans for proposed improvements and alterations to property have been submitted for the approval of the council, and having several interviews with the occupiers having regard to the schemes to which reference is now being made, I have arranged to have such matters deferred pending the decision of the council in the proposed extensions.

"Furthermore, the authorities of the Sacred Heart Church are also waiting the decision of the council in regard to the proposed improvement."

The finance committee resolved to recommend the valuation to the council at a cost of 168 guineas.

FATAL RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

ONE MAN KILLED.

FIVE OTHERS INJURED.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A serious accident occurred this morning at the Marshalltown railway crossing, three miles from Geelong, on the Colac line, resulting in the instantaneous death of one man and more or less serious injury to five others.

About 7 o'clock, Robert Thompson was driving to the Harbour Trust farm, at Sparrow Vale, with five of the employees, George Smith, John Sullivan, William Lindsay, John Betts, and George Watkins. At the Marshalltown crossing the horse had just cleared the rails when the 7 a.m. goods train from Geelong to Colac crashed into the waggon with terrific force. The impact put the shafts and horse clear, and the affrighted animal galloped away in the direction of Barwon Heads. The vehicle was splintered to matchwood, and the occupants thrown in all directions.

George Smith, who occupied the back seat, was hurled against one of the gate posts, and had his brains dashed out. Watkins was carried along by the engine for a distance of 30 yards, and then thrown down an embankment. He was very badly injured. Thompson, the driver, fell clear of the line, and escaped with a severe bruising. Betts and Leighton got off with minor injuries.

The five injured men were conveyed to the hospital, where they received every attention it is inexplicable how the accident occurred. There is an unobstructed view of the line at this spot for a great distance, and vehicles using the crossing have to ascend a very steep incline. Thompson, the driver, at present declines to make any statement.

It is stated that the deceased Smith espied the train when it was nearly on them, and urged the driver to get clear of the line, but it was too late. The injured men declared that no whistle was blown until a second before the accident; but others are just as positive that a whistle was given at a distance.

FIRE ON THE G.S. TUBINGEN.

OUTBREAK IN LOWER FOREHOLD.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

About midnight last night a fire occurred in the lower forehold of the German steamer Tubingen, lying at Brisbane wharf. The wharf labourers ceased work at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when nothing unusual was noticed, but at 11.55 smoke was seen issuing from No. 1 forward hold, containing 2500 bags wheat, which were loaded in Melbourne, and 2203 bales of wool, loaded in Brisbane. The fire brigade was summoned, and the work of flooding the hold to extinguish the fire was at once commenced.

The cargo in the lower forehold is stated to be damaged by water, and about 20 bales of wool on the top tier are known to be damaged by the fire. The full extent of the damage has not yet been ascertained.

The fire was completely extinguished this morning by flooding the lower hold, and labourers are now engaged clearing out the hold of cargo. The insurances at present are unknown. The vessel was timed to leave Brisbane to-morrow, but it is anticipated that it will be impossible to complete the work of clearing out the hold for a couple of days. Consequently, the steamer's departure will probably be postponed till next week.

The fire originated and was confined to the cargo in No. 1 lower forehold, which contained 2500 bags of wheat loaded last week at Melbourne, and 2200 bales of wool loaded at Brisbane, the whole of which appears to have been more or less damaged by water. About 20 bales of wool on the top tier are known to have been damaged by fire. There may be more, but the full extent of the damage by fire can only be ascertained when the water is pumped out. The fire brigade completed the work of flooding the hold early this morning. By this means the fire was effectively subdued, and as soon as the wharf labourers arrived the task of pumping the water out and clearing the hold of the damaged cargo was commenced. This work, it is anticipated, will occupy a considerable time.

The origin of the fire is a mystery. There was no indication of the outbreak at the hour when work ceased yesterday afternoon, and as the wool was loaded only a day or two ago the suggestion that the fire broke out as the result of spontaneous combustion is scarcely credible, as smoke would have been noticed while the men were at work yesterday.

Messrs. Lohmann and Co., Limited, managing agents for the Nord-deutscher Lloyd, were yesterday advised by telegraph from Brisbane that the damage to the Tubingen was not extensive, but that about 1000 bales of wool and 250 tons of wheat had been injured by water, and would be discharged.

The Tubingen, the message added, will be ready to leave Brisbane on Saturday for Sydney, to continue loading for the Continent.

A LUNATIC'S DEATH.

STRUCK WITH A PICK.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

William Bates, an inmate of Wendouree Asylum for the Insane, was killed yesterday by Charles Russell, another patient. The two men were members of a gang who were working in a flower garden under the guard of two warders. While Bates was in a stooping position Russell suddenly turned towards him and drove a pick into his head, fracturing the skull. He died within an hour. Russell was seized by the warders, who were only a few yards away.

NEW ZEALAND STEAMERS.

TRANSFERRED TO AUSTRALIAN REGISTER.

WELLINGTON (N.Z.), Thursday.

The Marine Department has no information of more than one Auckland firm proposing to transfer vessels to the Australian register. It is pointed out that registry in the Commonwealth would bar a vessel trading in New Zealand between coast port and coast port on Australian rates of pay if they were lower than those of New Zealand.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Jan. 28.

Moolton, R.M.S., 9621 tons, Captain G. C. Mumford, R.N.R., from London, via ports. Passengers:—Mr. J. B. Thomason, Mr. and Miss Clark, Mr. G. Longhurst, Miss Gibson, Miss Daly, Mrs. and Miss Beard, Mr. G. Armenian, Mrs. Armenian, and child, Mr. O. State, Mrs. G. State, Mr. A. Fisher, infant, and nurse, Captain F. Adams, Miss C. Hamslip, Mrs. Manning, Mr. Bungert, Mr. J. Shaw, Mr. J. Hilton, Mr. H. B. Shaw, Mr. Mellor, Mrs. Mellor, Misses Mellor (3), Mr. V. Campbell, Mr. A. Woollams, Mrs. Woollams, Miss Woollams, Miss G. Woollams, Mr. M. Peake, Miss Cull

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A very fair volume of business was effected on 'Change yesterday at firm prices. Allowing for the dividend, Union Bank shares sold at late rates. Colonial Sugar Company rose at late and Mort's Dock ordinary /3. Other sales were at late rates.

The following sales were reported:—Morning: Tooth and Co., 42/6; New South Wales 3½ per cent. Funded Stock, 1921, £99; Burns, Philp, and Co., contg., 21/3; Colonial Sugar, £44/11/3, £44/12/6; Fresh Food and Ice, 11/14; New South Wales 3½ per cent. Treasury Bills, 1911, £99. Afternoon: Union Bank of Australia, £61/10/; Mort's Dock (ord.), 20/3; N.S.W. 3½ per cent. Treasury Bills, 1911, £99; Sydney Ferries, 84; cum div.; Colonial Sugar, £44/15/.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Amount of Shares	Shares paid up	Last Div. Per Annum	Prices. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	Yield to Investor.
STOCK.							
N.S.W. F.S. due 1912	..	..	3	85	84	85	3½
Do., due 1912	..	..	3½	98 10/	98½	..	3½
Do., due 1912	..	..	3	85	84	85	3½
Do., due 1915	..	..	3½	99	99	..	3½
Do., due 1921	..	..	3½	99	98½	99	3½
Do., due 1924-5	..	..	3	..	90	92	4
Do., due 1930	..	..	4	100	98½	..	4
Do., Act 1878	..	..	4	109	108	110	3½
Do., Deb., 1908	..	..	4	..	..	..	4
Ditto, T. Bills	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1906	..	3½	..	100	99½	99½	3½
Ditto	..	4	..	100½	100	101	3½
N.S. Deb., 1913	..	..	4	101	..	..	3½
Ditto, 1921	..	..	4	101	100	102	3½
Queens. Deb., 1913	..	..	4	101/10	..	..	3½
Do., Tr. Bills	..	..	4	101	..	..	3½
W.A. Inscr.	..	..	4	101	..	..	3½
Ditto, 1902	..	..	3½	..	..	..	..
Australian Gas	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Deb., 1922	..	..	4	102	101	103	3½
City Syd. Deb.	..	..	4	102	100	..	3½
Col. Sugar R., 1914	..	..	5	108	107	110	4½
BANKS.							
Australasia	40	40	14	100/10/	100	..	3½
City	10	8	3	62/6	59/	..	7½
Ditto (new)	20	3	3	50/	54/	..	9½
Com. of Syd.	25	12½	10	27/15/	27½	27½	4½
Com. Sydney) (new)	25	12½	10	27/3/9	27½	27½	4½
Commercial of Australia	10	10/	..	10/	..	..	..
Do. pref.	10	10/	..	5/12	5/6	..	..
A.A.S.N.	20	20	10	47/	47	47½	4½
New Zealand	25	12½	10	85/5	85	..	3½
N. Queensland	7	7	5	30/6	35/	..	..
National of Aus.	8	5	5	8	21/3	..	..
Ditto, pref.	10	10	5	11/4/	11½	..	..
Union	40	40	14	100/10/	100	..	3½
Ditto, pref.	10	10	6	10/5/	10½	..	..
Melb. Tram	1	10	..	39/14	39/6	..	..
Mutual Life	1	1	10	38/	36/	..	5½
Mort's Dock	1	1	10	20/3	20/	21/	6½
Ditto, pref.	1	1	6	23/6	23/	..	..
Paul and Gray	1	1	10	27/	26/	28/	..
Perm. Trust	5	2/6	10	5	4/9	5	..
Perpet. Trust	12	10	5	10	..	..	12/9
Prop. Inv.	40	40	14	100/10/	100	..	3½
Sydney	1	11/	10	15/9	15/	..	..
Queensland Nat. Ex. and Agcy.	1	1	5	..	..	..	..
Richardson and Wrench	1	1	5	14/	13/	..	..
A. H. Fire	1	15/	14	43/6	45/3	45/6	..
A.M. Fire	1	1	2½	55/	..	58/	..
Mer. Mutual	1	1	2½	18/	..	..	..
New Zealand	10	2	15	78/	..	..	..
Queensland	1	10	8	17/	17/	18/	..
United	1	10	22½	54/15/	54	55	..
COAL.							
Bellambi	..	..	..	..	12½	45/6	45/3
East Greta	..	..	1	10	27/6	28/	..
Hodbm Greta	..	..	1	..	5/	4/9	..
Ltties	..	..	5	6	68/6	68/6	69/
Metrop., ord.	..	..	10	5	..	..	1/6
Ditto, pref.	..	..	1	8	22/	21/	23/
Ditto, pref., 2	..	..	10	10	14/	13/6	16/
Mt. Kembla	..	..	10	10	25/	24/	26/
Newcastle	..	..	11	10	5	6/3/	6½
North Bulli	..	..	10	10	51	..	32/
South Clifford	..	..	10/	..	12/10½	13/	..
Stockton	..	..	1	1	5/	..	..
Ditto, new	..	..	1	1	..	6/2	7/2
Tale of Clwydd	..	..	1	15	24/6	23/3	24/6
Wallsend	..	..	10	10	20	21/	25½
Waratah	..	..	6	..	..	1/6	..
Waratah and Lambton	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Wickham	..	..	1	20	..	6/2	7/2
Ditto, new	..	..	1	18	..	4/6	5/2
Ditto, pref.	..	..	1	..	..	22/	21/
GAS.							
Albury	..	..	1	12/6	10	21/6	20/9
Australian	..	..	6	15	18/6	19/	19½
Blitte, new	..	..	6	3	15	11/5/	11½
Char. Towers	..	..	10/	10/	10	14/9	..
Goulburn	..	..	1	1	5	6/1	6½
Kalgoorlie	..	..	1	..	..	22/3	20/
Katoomba	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lewis	..	..	1	1	7	24/	23/6
Maitland	..	..	1	1	10	7	7½
Manly	..	..	1	1	9	42/6	42/
Ditto, new	..	..	1	5/	9	9/3/	9½
Rodgers	..	..	1	1	10	24/	24/
Newcastle	..	..	2	2	15	64	61
South Shore	..	..	1	1	8	44/	39/
BREWERIES.							
Barton	..	..	15/	10/	5	4/	8/9
A. Taylor	..	..	5	10	24/3	22/6	25/
Aust. Hat Mills	..	..	1	..	..	31/	34/
Aust. News	..	..	1	..	..	12/6	13/
B.H.W. Sup.	..	..	15/	15/	10	21/15/	..
Burns, Philp	..	..	1	1	10	44/14/	41/3
Do., new issue	..	..	1	10/	10	21/3	21/6
Gal. Sugar	..	..	20	20	10	44/15/	44½
Golding & Co.	..	..	1	1	7	6/9/	7/
Dunlop Pneu.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tyre, pref.	..	..	1	1	7	31/	..
Ivon B. Rail	..	..	1	1	7	4/10/	..
Ditto, pref.	..	..	1	1	7	..	..
Orarel	..	..	1	10/	6	12/3	12/7
F. Food, Ice	..	..	12/	10	6	11/14/	11/14½
Goodlet and Smith	..	..	15/	15/	8	17/	16/10½
H. M'Kenzie, ord.	..	..	1	1	8	21/	21/3
Ditto, pref.	..	..	1	1	6	22/6	21/
Hill Metropolitan	..	..	1	1	6	25/	23/
Ditto, pref.	..	..	1	1	6	17/3	16/
Marcus Clark, ord.	..	..	1	1	8	21/	21/3
Ditto, pref.	..	..	10	6	10/5	10/	12/6
Melb. Tram	..	..	1	10	39/14	39/6	..
Mutual Life	..	..	1	10	38/	36/	39/6
Mort's Dock	..	..	1	1	20/3	20/	21/
Ditto, pref.	..	..	1	1	6	23/6	23/
Paul and Gray	..	..	1	1	10	27/	26/
Perm. Trust	..	..	5	2/6	10	5	4/9
Perpet. Trust	..	..	12	10	5	10	..
Prop. Inv.	..	..	40	40	14	100/10/	100
Sydney	..	..	1	11/	10	15/9	15/
Queensland Nat. Ex. and Agcy.	..	..	1	1	5	..	..
Richardson and Wrench	..	..	1	1	5	14/	13/
A. H. Fire	..	..	1	15/	14	43/6	45/3
A.M. Fire	..	..	1	1	2½	55/	..
Mer. Mutual	..	..	1	1	2½	18/	..
New Zealand	..	..	10	2	15	78/	..
Queensland	..	..	1	10	8	17/	17/
United	..	..	10	22½	12½	54/15/	54
COAL.							
Bellambi	..	..	..	..	12½	45/6	45/3
East Greta	..	..	1	1	10	27/6	28/
Hodbm Greta	..	..	1	..	5/	4/9	..
Ltties	..	..	5	6	68/6	68/6	69/
Metrop., ord.	..	..	10	5	..	..	1/6
Ditto, pref.	..	..	1	8	22/	21/	23/
Ditto, pref., 2	..	..	10	10	14/	13/6	16/
Mt. Kembla	..	..	10	10	25/	24/	26/
Newcastle	..	..	11	10	5	6/3/	6½
North Bulli	..	..	10	10	51	..	32/
South Clifford	..	..	10/	..	12/10½	13/	..
Stockton	..	..	1	1	5/	..	..
Ditto, new	..	..	1	1	..	6/2	7/2
Tale of Clwydd	..	..	1	15	24/6	23/3	24/6
Wallsend	..	..	10	10	20	21/	25½
Waratah	..	..	6	..	..	1/6	..
Wickham and Lambton	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Ditto, new	..	..	1	20	..	6/2	7/2
Ditto, pref.	..	..	1	18	..	4/6	5/2
Ditto, pref.	..	..	1	..	..	22/	21/
GAS.							
Albury	..	..	1	12/6	10	21/6	20/9
Australian	..	..	6	15	18/6	19/	19½
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MINING.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Though there was a large increase in the amount of business transacted in the morning, as compared with the records for several days past, the result, generally speaking, was adverse to scrip-holders, as the prices realised were mostly at reduced rates. In other words, the market exhibited a weakening in prices in the majority of cases.

Thus, in the copper section, Mungana receded from 4/10 to 4/6; Chillagoe, contg, from 4/5 to 4/3; Lobb's Hole, paid, from 12/, recorded some time ago, to 6/; and Hampdenr from 8/11 to 8/7. On the other hand, Kangiara Mines commanded steady support at firm rates, whilst Kyloe Copper and Mount Elliotts remained stationary.

In the case of silver shares, B.H. Junction declined from 2/10 to 2/10; B.H. Junction North from 22/3 to 21/6, afterwards recovering a shade; Sulph Je Corporation from 9/6 to 8/3; British (old) from 18/ to 17/9; and B.H. South, paid, from 80/9 to 80/, with the contributing scrip selling at the previous day's weak closing rate.

Tin shares were again quiet. In gold stocks, Sandstone Development receded from 8/9 to 7/9 and firmed to 8/; Chaffer's receded 1/, then steadied at 7/2. Queensland stocks were very quiet.

The volume of business transacted during the afternoon fell off considerably. The only copper stocks dealt in were Kangiara Mines, contributing, which commanded good support, and Chillagoe, contributing, which steadied on the signs of weakness shown in the morning. In silver shares, the retrograde movement in B. H. Junction North was arrested, but B. H. Souths, paid and contributing, still sold at weak prices. Gold stocks were represented by sales at reduced rates in Chaffer's, Sandstone Development, Mount David and Mills United.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

COPPER.	Buyers.	Sellers.
	£ s d	£ s d
Budgeree Mines	0 1 6 ..	0 2 3
Chillagoe, contributing	0 4 2 ..	0 4 5
Grafton	0 19 0 ..	1 2 6
Hampden-Cloncurry, paid	0 8 6 ..	0 8 9
Kyloe	— ..	0 12 6
Ditto, preference	— ..	0 11 0
Lloyd Copper	— ..	0 4 0
Lobb's Hole	0 5 6 ..	0 7 6
Ditto, contributing	..	0 2 10
M'Gregor-Cloncurry, paid	0 3 6 ..	—
Mount Cuthbert	0 5 0 ..	0 6 0
Mount Elliott	3 16 0 ..	3 17 6
Mount Molloy	0 5 0 ..	—
Ditto, preference	— ..	0 8 0
Mungana (Chillagoe)	0 4 6 ..	0 4 8
O.K.	0 2 6 ..	0 2 9
Queen Bee	— ..	0 3 6
Roebourne	— ..	0 2 0
Wallaroo and Moonta	1 16 9 ..	—
TIN.		
Gilmore	.. ..	0 1 5
Vulcan	0 2 0 ..	0 3 0
SILVER.		
New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	0 17 6 ..	0 18 0
Broken Hill Proprietary	1 17 6 ..	1 18 0
Ditto, preference	0 11 6 ..	0 12 0
B.H. Junction	2 2 10 ..	2 11
B.H. Junciton North	1 2 6 ..	1 2 6
B.H. North	.. ..	3 16 0
B.H. South	4 0 0 ..	4 5 0
B.H. South, contributing	3 12 0 ..	3 13 0
B.H. South Blocks	1 0 9 ..	1 1 9
Sulphide Corporation, ordinary ..	— ..	0 9 3
GOLD.		
New South Wales, etc.		
Baker's Creek	— ..	0 1 4
Gold Hill, contributing	.. ..	0 1 9
Hardon	1 7 6 ..	1 9 6
Harden West	— ..	0 2 9
Mount David	0 2 1 ..	0 2 3
New Hillgrove Proprietary	0 0 1 ..	0 0 2
Occidental	.. ..	0 8 0
Dredging and Sluicing.		
Amalgamated Tin	0 2 0 ..	0 3 0
Arahuen Central	0 3 0 ..	—
Associated Gold Dredging	.. ..	0 4 6
Cope's Creek	— ..	0 7 6
Elrington	— ..	0 2 6
Jembaicumbene	0 1 0 ..	—
New Wylie Creek	.. ..	0 3 6
Reform Tin, paid	— ..	0 1 6
Tingha Tin	0 1 0 ..	0 1 6
Tasmania.		
Mount Lyell	1 18 0 ..	—
Queensland.		
Charters Towers, etc.		
East Mexican, paid	0 4 11 ..	—
Kelly's Queen Block	— ..	0 2 2
Mount Morgan	3 5 0 ..	3 7 0
Ruby	.. ..	0 2 6
Victory	0 1 0 ..	0 1 8
Gympie.		
Columbia Consolidated	0 2 6 ..	—
North Oriental and Glanmire, No. 1	0 1 6 ..	0 1 9
North Smithfield	0 2 0 ..	0 4 4
North Smithfield, No. 1	0 5 0 ..	—
Peter and Paul, contributing	.. ..	0 0 6
South Glanmire and Monkland	0 0 10 ..	0 1 2
South Great Eastern, No. 2	0 2 8 ..	0 3 2
Western Australia.		
Black Range	2 9 0 ..	—
Chaffer's	0 7 2 ..	0 7 4
Great Boulder Main Reef	0 5 6 ..	0 6 3
Ditto Perseverance	0 7 0 ..	0 7 9
Lake View Consols, L.S.	0 17 0 ..	—
Ditto, share Warrants	.. ..	1 0 0
Sandstone Development	0 7 10 ..	0 8 1

STOCK EXCHANGE SALES.

MORNING.

Copper: Mungana, 4/6; Kyloe Copper, 11/6; Kangiara Mines, contg, 6/3; ditto, paid, 6/3; Chillagoe, contg, 4/3; Lobb's Hole, paid, 6/; Mount Elliott, 77/; Hampden, 8/7.

Silver.—B.H. Junction, 2/10; B.H. Junction North, 21/6, 21/7½, 21/9; Sulphide Corporation, 8/9; British (old), 17/9; B.H. South, paid, 80/; B.H. South, contg, 72/, 72/6.

Gold: Sandstone Development 7/9; 7/11; one month, 8/; ordinary, 8/. Chaffers, 7/, 7/2; Bonnie Dundee (C.T.), 3/9; New B. Freehold, 56/3.

Tin: Tingha Tin, paid, 1/3.

AFTERNOON.

Copper.—Kangiara, contg., 6/3; Chillagoe, contg., 4/4½.

Silver.—B.H. South Blocks, 21/3, 21/; B.H. Junction North, 22/3, 22/4½; B.H. South, paid, 80/; six weeks, 81/; one month, 80/8; B.H. South, contg., 72/6; six weeks, 73/.

Gold: Mount David, 2/2; Chaffer's, 7/2; Sandstone Development, 8/; Mills United, 11/6.

MINING NOTES.

The directors of the North Broken Hill Company have declared a dividend (13) of 1/ per share, payable on March 8.

The Bonnie Dundee Company (Charters Towers) reports a yield of gold worth £2194 from 525 tons of ore.

The directors of the Jembaicumbene Dredging Company have declared a dividend (the 15th) of 6d per share, payable on and after February 8. The transfer books close on February 3.

At an extraordinary meeting of the Araluen Shovel Gold-mining Company, No Liability, held at the company's office on January 23 last, it was decided that all the liabilities of the company having been discharged, it should be wound up voluntarily, and Mr. S Kearney was appointed liquidator accordingly.

Private cables state that amongst the shares quoted on the London Stock Exchange on Wednesday were the following:—B.H. Block 10, 59/6 (m); B.H. Block 14, 11/9 (m); B.H. Proprietary, 38/ (m); B.H. Souths, paid, b 80/6; B.H. South Blocks, 21/ (m); Zincs, ord., 4/1 (m); ditto, pref., 28/6 (m); Sulphides, 9/3 (m); Munganas, b 4/6; B.H. Norths, 55/6 (m); Chillagoe, contg., 4/ (m); Chaffers, 6/10 (m); Boulder Main Reefs, 21/6 (m); Boulder Perseverance, 7/8 (m); Associated, 22/ (m); Associated Northern, 21/6 (m); Golden Links, 4/4 (m); Hannan's Star, 6/9 (m); Sons of Gwalia, 28/ (m); Great Cobars, 84/ (m); Mount Elliotts, 78/9 (m).

The sudden slump yesterday in the price of Lobb's Hole shares, is explained by the following memorandum received from the legal manager, Mr. A. Jobson:—"The general manager reports that the furnace started smelting on the 15th instant, and up to the 21th instant, had smelted 70 tons of ore, assaying 14 per cent., producing 12 tons of matte, besides about 3 tons of matte still remaining in the furnace. There has not yet been any improvement at the No. 2 level, the vein still being narrow and the rock hard. It has been found impossible to break ore from the existing stopes sufficiently rapidly to keep pace with the furnace, and it will therefore be necessary, after about 300 tons have been smelted, to suspend smelting operations until a run of payable ore has been developed at No. 2 level."

MINING IN THE STATE.

GULGONG, Thursday.

At Combandry Paddock, on Home Rule-road, five miles from Gulgong, there are three claims on gold. The sinking is from 150ft to 160ft, with 3ft of washdirt, worth 34wt to 4dwt to the load. There are five other shafts sinking. The washdirt is very stony, and hard to break down.

The Red Hill claim, owned by Messrs. Bowman, Lowe, and Hilton, has obtained a three-months' exemption from the labour covenants owing to the want of water for the crushing machine.

H. Baldwin, acting for a Sydney syndicate, commenced baling by a whip on Monday, at the late Frame Fletcher's claim, on the Red Hill. The shaft is 215ft deep, with cumerous drives. There are 160ft of water in the shaft. Stone has been crushed from this claim that went 3os to the ton.

At a special meeting of the shareholders in the Welcome Jack Deep Levels Company it was decided to apply for a suspension of the labour conditions, and cease operations until the Government diamond drill is available. The chairman of directors pointed out that the sinking in the first 50ft of the shaft was very soft, but in the next 100ft they passed through the hardest stuff that could be found in any mine. They were still in this hard belt, and the directors had applied to the Government for the drill, in order to put down a bore from the bottom of the shaft. They received a reply stating that the drill was at present in use, and that when it was done with it would go to Cobar, after which the company could have it. They had also applied to the Government for a grant of £200, but had been informed that as the lode they were looking for was being profitably worked a few hundred feet away it could not be given to them. They were, however, in further communication with the Government about the matter, and were in hopes of getting assistance. The proposal of the directors is to wait for the drill, which it is hoped would prove whether the lode they are looking for exists at a reasonable depth. In reply to a question, the chairman stated that the cost of sinking the shaft, which was down 141ft, was £4 15s per foot.

LITHGOW, Thursday.

A report from Wattle Flat states that the recent rains filled the dams, and thus gave facilities for crushing. The O.K. has just finished a small parcel. The Little Oakey Company is shifting its battery to a more convenient site for the catchment of water and other facilities. Hartley and Co. are still sinking, likewise the Caledonian, to strike the big shoot of gold from their old workings. The Big Oakey is raising stone, and all mines are in full swing.

BROKEN HILL MINES.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The B.H. North mine last week sent away 284 tons of concentrates. The new main shaft is down 47½ft below the 950ft plat. No. 14 winze, from the 800ft level, is down 65ft, and the rise from the 950ft level to connect with it is up 51½ft. The 950ft east drive from the crosscut is in 31ft. Work in connection with the erection of the new mill buildings progresses smoothly.

TIN MINING.

THE FALL IN METAL VALUE.

EMMAVILLE, Wednesday.

Another big fall in price of tin was announced last week, and was anything but pleasant news for the miners on this field. At the price now offering locally there are very few who have claims sufficiently rich to enable them to knock out wages, and unless there is a big improvement in price there will be very little prospecting going on in the district.

A. G. Andrews has a very nice show on Vegetable Creek, adjoining the Great Britain property. He has been working this claim for a considerable time single handed. The block is solid ground, having been missed by the Chinese in the early days.

The Stannum dredge is running on fairly rich dirt. The next clean-up is anticipated to be a little more than the average.

The following parties have recently washed up at the Stannum public dam:—W. Beness and party, 50 loads of dirt for 18cwt of tin; J. Randall, 11 loads for 10cwt; Riley and party, 18 loads for 4cwt; Lawson and party, 8 loads for 4cwt; M'Canna and Curtain, 11 loads for 7½cwt; F. Ryan, 4 loads for 2cwt; H. Foster and party, 18 loads for 9cwt of tin.

All handsf with the exception of a couple, have been knocked off at Butler's Reef. No information is available as to what the company intends to do, but it is believed that machinery will shortly be put down for the purpose of effectively working this valuable property.

J. Riley and party are reported to have struck rich tin about six miles from Stannum, in the direction of Wellington Vale. The discovery was made in new ground, and the sinking is shallow. Prospects taken from the claim give over 80lb of tin to the load.

The Stannum Lode Company's new shaft is completed, and the work of renovating is going on. When completed it is thought the company will continue to work on the lode formation.

Mr. Bouwick is opening out the "Blue Lode," on Paradise Creek. Several parties have had a try at this mine, but all abandoned it as not payable. The present owners are of opinion that the mine will turn out sufficiently payable to warrant them erecting a battery to treat this large body of low-grade ore.

The want of a battery is urgently needed in the Gulf district, for besides the Blue Lode there are dozens of other low-grade lodes that would pay if a battery were handy to treat the ore. Several applications have been made to the Minister for Mines to give this important matter consideration, but nothing has been done. The mines would be satisfied with a five-head battery. A public battery would not only prove a boon to the miners already on the field, but would be the means of inducing others to prospect for lodes, which are to be found almost anywhere in the Gulf district.

Sluicing operations are going on satisfactorily at the Y Water dredge, and some very rich tin is showing in the wash. There are about 5 tons of tin in the boxes, as a result of a few days' run. The water supply is getting short.

The machinery for the new plant at the Great Britain dredge is arriving, and will soon be fixed in its place. This will enable the dredge to put through a large body of material per day, and the mine should shortly be paying dividends.

The Bourke's Hill plants are on good dirt, tin showing freely all through. In some places the ground is very hard, and requires a deal of fracture. Expect a very good yield for the month. Water supply fair.

Warren and party have struck exceptionally rich tin at Bull Camp. The shoot is 4ft wide, carrying 4wt to 5cwt to the ton.

Tin stone taken from the 400ft level of the Silent Grove mine was awarded the gold medal at the Franco-British Exhibition. The stone in question crushed up to 14cwt to the ton, being about 70 per cent. tin. The mine is owned by M'Gillivray and Co., and has produced some extraordinary rich stone, some as high as 18cwt to the ton. The owners intend to shortly commence working this valuable property again.

B. Meehan and party have a very nice wolfram show at Highland Home. Some rich ore has been taken out, and the mine is beginning to look promising.

Driving is still going on at Adams' shaft, at the Two Mile, and there is every prospect of the venture turning out a remunerative one.

No work is going on at the Elsi dredge, and the plant will be compelled to remain idle until rain comes.

Herbert and party are getting good tin from a chute discovered by them on the Dutchman line of reef.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Sales and quotations:—

Western Australian mines: Associated, 22/, 22/6, b 22/3; Associated Northern, 8/, 7/7, b 7/6; Perseverance, 7/4, 7/3, 7/4, b 7/3, s 7/5; Chaffer's, 7/, 6/10, 7/3, 7/, b 6/11, 7/4; Buldania, 29/, b 27/10½, s 28/; ditto No. 1, paid, 9/9, 9/7, b 9/6, s 9/8; Hannan's Star, 6/8, 6/9, b 6/9, s 6/10; Ivanhoe, £8/6/, s £8/10/; Lake View Consols, 19/, 18/3, b 19/, s 19/3; Main Reef, 5/10, 5/7, 5/8, b 5/8, s 5/9; Marvoo, 17/9, 17/3, 17/4½, b 17/6, s 18/; ditto North, contg, 1/2, 1/3, b 1/3, s 1/4; North Kalgurli, 2/1, 2/4, b 2/4, s 2/5; Marvel Loch, 1/7; Oroya, 15/8, 17/6; Gwalia South (paid), b 8/, s 8/4; Hainault, b 12/6, s 13/3; Sandstone, b 8/, s 9/; Waihi, 1/8, b 1/7, s 1/9.

Silver: B.H. Proprietary, b 37/, s 37/10½; Block 14 (pref.), 11/6, 12/, b 11/, s 12/6; British (old), 17/9, 18/, b 17/6, s 18/; ditto (new), b 16/, s 16/3; Block 10, b 58/6, s 59/; Junctions, 2/9½, b 2/9½, s 2/10; B.H. Norths, b 55/6, s 57/; Souths (paid), 79/6, 79/, 79/3, b 79/6; ditto, contg, 71/6, 72/5, b 71/9, s 72/6; South Block, 21/, 20/10½, b 21/, s 21/3; Junction North, b 21/6; Zinc Corporation, b 4/3, s 4/6.

Copper: Ruddigore, 55/; Hope, b 9/9, s 10/; Elliotts, b 77/, s 78/; Chaffers (paid), 3/6, 3/8½, b 3/8, s 3/9; Wallaroo, 37/3, b 37/, s 37/3.

Tin: Stannary Hills, ord., /5, /4, /4½.

BENDIGO, Thursday.

Sales:—Collmann and Tacchi, 8/3; Frederick the Great, 2/4; ditto, paid, 2/3; Hustlers' Reef, 18/8 (25); Koch's Pioneer, 11/; New Golden Fleece, /9½; Suffolk United, 6/3, 6/7½; The Langdon, 2/2.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

Sales:—Bonnie Dundee, 3/6; B. Deeps, 2/6, 2/8; B. Block, 4/9; D.D. Mines, 1/; Mexican, 3/7; New B. Freehold, 56/9; Q. Cross, 1/; Phoebe, /5; North Queen, /4½.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

Quotations:—Tasmania, b 4/3, s 5/; North Farrells, b 4/6; Victoria Zeehan, s /8; Tasmanian Copper, b 4/4, s 5/9; Mount Bischoff, £25/5/, s £25/10/; Arba, b 6/5, s 7/; Pioneer, b 24/3.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:

Silver.—Zinc Corporation, 27/; Junction North, 22/3; Souths, contg, 72/6; ditto, paid, 79/6, 80/; South Blocks, 21/, 21½; B.H. North, 55/.

Copper.—Mount Lyell, 34/9; Tasman and Crown Extended, 1/4, paid 1/5, 1/4½; Chillagoe, 4/4, 4/4½ paid 5/3; Hampden, 8/8, 8/7; Mount Elliott, 77/9, 78/6.

Gold.—Alpine, 2/3; Birthday Tunnel, 12/; Collmann and Tacchi, 8/4½; Diamond Creek, 6/, 6/3; Great South Consols, 7/4, 7/6; Long Tunnel, 96/; Long Tunnel Extended, £10; West Berry Consols, 6/6; Barramble Ranges, 2/6; Chaffer's, 7/, 7/1.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday quotations of Australian mining ventures were:—British Broken Hill Proprietary, b 17/, s 18/; Block 10, b 57/6, s 60/; North Broken Hill, b 53/9, s 56/3; South Broken Hill, b 80/, s 82/6; Lake View Consols, b 19/4, s 20/7.

MANAGERS' REPORTS.

Mount David Company, January 23:—155ft level, vertical shaft: Crosscut started in south-east drive, 90ft from plat, to connect with lens of stone in No. 2 rise (the 290ft level); face in black slate. 290ft level: "A" rise risen to 47ft, 2ft of lode material in face. Stoping at back of south-east drive south from No. 1 rise on stone 5ft thick, of fair quality; and south from No. 2 rise on stone 5ft thick, of fair quality. No. 2 level, winch winze: Hanging wall crosscut extended 4ft, making total from drive 39ft. No. 3 level, winch winze: South-east drive extended to 309ft; started No. 4 crosscut, crosscut into hanging wall of drive to prove hanging wall country. Stoping south of No. 3 winze, between Nos. 2 and 3 levels, on stone 10ft thick, of fair quality. North-west drive extended to 129ft; about 18ft of lode material in face. Surface: Open cut shaft sunk to 202ft; reef 40ft thick, poor quality.

Cobar Gladstone, January 23:—Finished timbering shaft, and fixed the ladderway. Contractors started on 90ft inst. Sinking consists of lode matte all over the shaft.

There are 25 refreshing shampoos in a jar of O-CE-O-LO. Price, one shilling.—Advt.

NEWCASTLE.

COAL EXPORT TRADE.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The following vessels cleared at the Customs-house to-day:—Vine Branch, s, for Manila, via Brisbane and Rockhampton, with 4800 tons of coal, 2 bags of coke; Komura, s, for Rockhampton, via Sydney and Brisbane, with through cargo for Sydney; Melbourne, s, for Lyttelton, via Wellington, with 2450 tons of coal; Yarra, s, for Melbourne, via Bulli, with water ballast.

MINERS' GOVERNING BODY.

The opinion is held by a large proportion of miners in the district that the existence of both the committee of management and the delegate board in connection with the federation is unnecessary, and it has been proposed that one of those bodies should be abolished. At the meeting of the committee of management to-day a notice of motion was received from the Ellermore Vale.—"That this lodge demands a ballot of the federation to say whether the committee of management or the delegate board should deal with the business of the federation." This motion, however, was ruled out of order.

A further motion was received from the Hetton lodge on similar lines, but worded in a slightly different fashion. This motion read:—"That before the new rules are registered a ballot be taken to determine whether the committee of management or the delegate board should be abolished." After some discussion the motion was carried.

The South Seaham lodge sought to increase the power of the delegate board by a motion which would have the effect of allowing the board to deal with matters which had not been sent on to it from the committee. This motion provoked a rather heated discussion, but it was finally rejected by four votes.

ANTAGONISM TO COAL COMMISSION.

The committee of management of the Miners' Federation to-day discussed a motion from the Abermain lodge,—"That we are of opinion that a ballot should be taken at once on the question of whether this federation should sever its connection with the special Mining Court appointed to deal with mining troubles."

The motion was adopted by six votes to five.

Mr. Peter Bowling, who has represented the miners on the Coal Commission, also handed in his resignation as a member of the commission, and it was accepted.

NEWCASTLE GAS COMPANY.

The 55th half-yearly general meeting of the City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company was held to-day. Mr. Lochhead (chairman of directors) presiding. In moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, the chairman said that the company was still in a very satisfactory position, and the directors were able to pay the usual 8s dividend. During the half-year the contract with the Railway Commissioners for the supply of coke to the tramways has been renewed. The matter of the proposed extension and removal of the works to Hamilton had been occupying the attention of the board for some time. Plans were being prepared, and it was hoped that operations would be commenced very shortly. Mr. J. R. Hall was re-elected a director.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HOSPITAL.

FINANCIAL POSITION UNSATISFACTORY.

The annual meeting of the Newcastle General Hospital was held this evening. The report presented by the committee showed that during the past year there had been an exceptionally heavy drain on the resources of the institution, and the finances were now in a very low state. A very large number of patients had been treated, and the general public was appealed to to assist the hospital more liberally than it had during the year just closed. Regret was expressed at the death of the late Mr. Joseph Wood, who had been a vice-president of the institution. The committee tendered sincere sympathy to Mr. William Longworth, of Port Stephens, who had given a donation of £1000 to endow a bed in the women's surgical ward. A legacy of £50 had also been received from the late Mr. J. Thorn, and one of £30 from the late Mr. W. Neve. The committee expressed dissatisfaction that the Government had not seen fit to treat the Newcastle Hospital with the same liberality as institutions in the metropolitan district in regard to subsidies. The report was adopted. The election of officers will take place at a future meeting.

WOMAN NEARLY DROWNED.

A woman named Mary Kelly, while bathing on the beach this afternoon, was almost drowned through being carried out by the undertow. Several other bathers noticed her dangerous position and went to her rescue. When she was brought ashore, however, she was unconscious, and had to be taken to the hospital, where she was revived for treatment. This evening she was still in the institution, and was progressing favourably.

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COUNTRY NEWS.

FIRE AT BROKEN HILL.

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A fire about 4 o'clock this morning destroyed stables in Thomas-street, owned by Mr. William Adams, as well as a buggy and some harness. A number of prize pigeons and some prize poultry were also burnt to death. The building was insured for £40 in the Queensland Office. This was the tenth fire reported this year.

THE CHURCHES.

BALLINA, Thursday.

The Church of England tea tent at the Caledonian sports on Tuesday yielded a net profit of £27.

LISMORE, Thursday.

Last evening there was a large attendance at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, when a social was held, the occasion being a farewell to the Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick. General regret was expressed by all the speakers at the reverend gentleman's departure, and he was the recipient of a purse of sovereigns. A presentation was also made to Mrs. and Miss Kirkpatrick.

MUNICIPAL.

ARMIDALE, Thursday.

At a special meeting of the Armidale Municipal Council last night Alderman J. J. Warnecke tendered his resignation. Some discussion ensued as to whether a vote of the whole municipality should be taken for the election of a new alderman to fill the vacancy, or only the ratepayers of West Ward, by which Alderman Warnecke was elected, but now abolished. Eventually it was decided to take a vote of the whole municipality. A motion to increase the Mayoral allowance from £25 to £50 was negatived on the casting vote of the Mayor.

SCHOOLS OF ARTS.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

The elections at the half-yearly meeting of the members of the Mechanics' Institute last night resulted:—President, Mr. J. G. Grayson; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. Denning and W. F. Tribe; hon. secretary, Mr. A. J. Creagh; and treasurer, Mr. A. Butler.

THE HOSPITALS.

ARMIDALE, Thursday.

The first meeting of the newly elected committee of the Armidale-New England Hospital was held this afternoon, the following officers were elected:—President, Mr. F. J. White; secretary, Mr. J. A. Glass; treasurer, Mr. T. R. Docker.

COOMA, Thursday.

At a special meeting of the district hospital committee this morning, Mr. F. Mitchell was re-elected president, and Mr. Ord hon. treasurer.

HAY, Thursday.

At a meeting of the committee of the Hay Hospital last night Mr. George G. Horton was re-elected president, and Mr. J. G. Lewers was elected treasurer. Dr. Feilchenfeld was appointed medical officer, and Miss Mungeli matron.

SCONE, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the Scone Hospital was held last night, Mr. J. A. K. Shaw presiding. The report showed that 135 cases had been treated during the year. There were 12 deaths. The treasurer's statement showed a credit balance of £216, and Government subsidy due £315, making £1031 available for the year. During the year £147 had been spent on additions and repairs. Two large wards had been refurnished free of cost by the president (Thos. Cook), and a smaller ward by the medical officer (Dr. Scott). The officers elected were:—President, Mr. Thos. Cook; hon. secretary, Mr. H. D. Ferguson; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. D. Stafford; medical officer, Dr. Scott.

TUMUT, Thursday.

At the annual meeting of the Tumut Hospital the balance-sheet showed the receipts for the year were £1002, including £221 Government subsidy. The deficiency on the year's working, not counting the subsidy, was £81, and 115 patients were treated. A fixed deposit and cash show a credit of £1739. The trustees elected were Messrs. Emanuel, Weedon, Blakney, Dear, and Groves. Fourteen members were nominated as committeemen, and a ballot is being taken.

YASS, Thursday.

At the annual meeting of the Yass District Hospital the following were elected officers:—President, Mr. J. Waddell; trustees, Drs. Thane and English, Messrs. Triggs and Wood; auditors, Messrs. Speers and Kenny; secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. Richards.

YOUNG, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the Burrangong District Hospital was held last night. The treasurer's report showed that the year closed with a credit balance of £13, a falling off of £38 3s 7d. Subscriptions decreased £21; country collections, £24; patients' fees increased £49. The total income decreased £149, as compared with the previous year. Invested funds now amount to £1150, including £100 on fixed deposit, and £500 invested in municipal debentures. The medical officer's report stated that 240 patients had been treated during the year. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. J. Gordon; treasurer, Mr. Meagher; E. Taylor, G. S. Whiteman, and J. Gordon; treasurer, Mr. H. M. Potts; secretary, Mr. F. A. Selden; medical officers, Drs. M'Pherson, Maclennan, and Dowling; auditors, Messrs. C. Wright, and A. Cannon.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

A public meeting, called for last night at the Town Hall, to object to Broken Hill being put under the operation of the Theatrical and Public Halls Act, drew only the Mayor, one alderman, and two newspaper men. The Mayor then determined to take the proposed motions to the trades Hall mass meeting, and the meeting closed.

The Mayor (Alderman Ivey) took his resolutions respecting the Theatres and Public Halls Act to the lockout mass meeting, and there on the motion of Alderman Doe a motion was carried unanimously requesting the Governor to exempt the municipality of Broken Hill from the operation of part 2 of the Theatres and Public Halls Act of 1908.

Friday.

Mr. J. Schultz, an old resident of the Barrier, died rather suddenly to-day.

BYRON BAY, Thursday.

About 50 cadets from Murwillumbah and Lismore, under Dr. Goldsmid, put in active practice on the local recreation ground yesterday.

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CREMATION.

SIR JULIAN SALOMONS AN ADVOCATE.

At a general meeting of the Cremation Society, held last evening in the Royal Society's Hall, Sir Julian Salomons delivered an address on cremation. Dr. J. M. Creed, M.L.C., was in the chair.

Sir Julian said that he was personally interested in the success of the society. He read portion of an address delivered a few years ago at the London University by Mr. Frederic Harrison on cremation. Sir Julian went on to say that he had once been strongly opposed to cremation. But long before becoming a vice-president of the society he had come to the conclusion that this was the most important movement. It did not touch the sympathies of the body of the people, because most men thought everyone mortal but themselves; yet anyone who had seen a disinterment must have been shocked and horrified. The necessity for cremation could not be exaggerated. It was a mistake to imagine that its advocates were persons allied with unbelievers; they were strong supporters of religion and of the present constitution of society. Sir Alfred Stephen and Sir George Dibbs had been among the supporters of this method of disposal of the dead; so was Sir Frederick Darley, and when an Englishman of importance died it was almost always found that he had left directions for his cremation. Nor did immortality depend on the material part of the being. The movement was making slow but certain progress, and a day would come when everybody would be startled to think that so little interest was once taken in it. He himself would subscribe five guineas as a life member of the society, on the understanding that it should undertake his cremation.

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ALBERT.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. ROSIE ALBERT (nee Coronet) will leave Mortuary, Sydney, THIS DAY, at 2.22, for Rookwood.
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BLUMER.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. SARAH ED BLUMER will leave her late residence, 12 Gordon-street, Paddington, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 2.15 p.m., for St. Jude's Cemetery, Randwick.
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BLUMER.—The Friends of Miss S. BLUMER, Mrs. J. BECKENHAM, and Mrs. H. CONNELL are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, Mrs. J. W. Blumer; to move from her late residence, 12 Gordon-street, Paddington, TO-DAY (Friday), at 2 p.m., for Randwick Cemetery.

BLUMER.—The Friends of Messrs. LUKE, GEORGE, CHARLES, and JOHN BLUMER are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved MOTHER, Mrs. J. W. BLUMER; to move from her late residence, 12 Gordon-street, Paddington, TO-DAY (Friday), at 2 p.m., for Randwick Cemetery.

BRENNAN.—The Friends of THOMAS, DAVID, ANNIE, JAMES, ELLEN, and JOSEPH BRENNAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved FATHER, Mr. Thomas Brennan, which will leave his late residence, Alfred-street, North Botany, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.45, for the Botany Cemetery.

BRENNAN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM ROLFE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved UNCLE, Mr. Thomas Brennan, which will leave his late residence, Alfred-street, North Botany, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.45, for the Botany Cemetery.

BRENNAN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN BAILEY (of Wilson-street, North Botany) are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved FRIEND, Mr. Thomas Brennan, which will leave his late residence, Alfred-street, North Botany, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2.45, for the Botany Cemetery.

BROWN.—The Friends of the late Mr. ROBERT DARLING BROWN are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will move from his mother's residence, No. 108A Brougham-street, Darlinghurst, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30 o'clock, to Waverley Cemetery.
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BROWN.—The Friends of Mrs. ROSE I. BROWN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of the late beloved SON, Robert Darling Brown, which will leave her residence, 108A, Brougham-street, Darlinghurst, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery. WOOD and COMPANY.

BROWN.—The Friends of Mr. J. A. BROWN, of Victoria-st North, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved GRANDSON, Robert Darling Brown, which will leave No. 108A Brougham-st, Darlinghurst, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 2.30 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.

BURNS.—The Friends of the deceased Miss SARAH BURNS are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to move from St. Patrick's Church, Church-hill, THIS FRIDAY, at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
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BURNS.—The Friends of Miss MARY BURNS are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly SISTER, Sarah; to move from St. Patrick's Church, Church-hill, THIS FRIDAY, at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Limited, Undertakers, opp. Power-house, North Sydney. Tel., 575.

BURNS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. HENDERSON are respectfully requested to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved FRIEND, Sarah Burns; to move from St. Patrick's Church, at half-past 2, THIS AFTERNOON (Friday), for Waverley Cemetery.
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BURNS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WALTER BURNS are respectfully requested to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved FRIEND and GODMOTHER, Sarah Burns; to move from St. Patrick's Church, at half-past 2, THIS AFTERNOON, for Waverley Cemetery. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Undertakers.

CALLAGHAN.—The Funeral of the late Mr. PATRICK CALLAGHAN will leave P. Byrnes and Co.'s Funeral Parlours, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. Funeral train leaves Mortuary Station 2.20. P. BYRNES and CO., Undertakers, 185 George-street West.

DALE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE DALE, and also of Mrs. SIDNEY W. DALE, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved DAUGHTER and SISTER, Olive Isabel, which will leave their residence, 40 Thomas-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for the Necropolis.
JOSEPH MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

DALE.—The Friends of Messrs. JOHN, FRED., HARRY, KIRK, and ALICK WHITE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved NIECE, Miss Olive Isabel Dale, which will leave her parents' residence, 40 Thomas-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for the Necropolis.
JOSEPH MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

DUNNING.—The Friends of Mr. Alderman JOHN DUNNING are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved WIFE, which will leave his residence, The Grange, Hansard-street, Waterloo, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Friends' Burial Ground, Rookwood Cemetery, by request, no flowers.
JOSEPH MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

DUNNING.—The Friends of Messrs. ALBERT, ARTHUR, and ALFRED DUNNING are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved MOTHER, which will leave her late residence, The Grange, Hansard-street, Waterloo, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Friends' Burial Ground, Rookwood.

DUNN.—The Friends of Mrs. B. MARSH, Mr. and Mrs. J. POWELL, Mr. and Mrs. G. ALLEN, and of Mr. and Mrs. W. DOWNTON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved MOTHER, Mrs. Juliana Dunning, which will leave her late residence, The Grange, Hansard-street, Waterloo, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Friends' Burial Ground, Rookwood Cemetery.
JOSEPH MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

MUNICIPALITY OF WATERLOO.—The Aldermen and Officers of the Municipality of Waterloo are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of the late WIFE of Alderman John Dunning. A vehicle will leave the Town Hall at 1 o'clock sharp THIS DAY.
THOM.AS HOSS, Mayor.

YORKSHIRE SOCIETY OF N.S.W.—The Interment of the late Mrs. JOHN DUNNING, Wife of Alderman John Dunning, of Waterloo, Member of Committee, will take place at the "Friends'" Ground, Rookwood, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON. Members are invited to attend.
R. SWAN, President.

KENNY.—The Relatives and Friends of Mrs. JOHN KENNY and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved HUSBAND and FATHER; to leave his late residence, 49 Rosser-street, Ronelle, TO-MORROW (Saturday) AFTERNOON, 20th inst., at 2 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery. By request, no flowers.
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LAVENDER.—The Relatives and Friends of Mr. JAMES LAVENDER and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved WIFE and MOTHER; to leave 81 Great Buckingham-street, Redfern, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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MEEKS.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. MARY MEEKS will leave her late residence, Oversley, 146 Hereford-street, Forest Lodge, THIS MORNING, at 8.30, for Rookwood Cemetery, via Mortuary Station.
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ROSSBACH.—The Friends of the late JOHN ADOLF ROSSBACH are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, Yallambie, Powell-street, Khiara, THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for Gore Hill Cemetery.

WILLIAMS.—The Friends of the late GEORGE WILLIAMS are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, to leave his late residence, Windermere, Church-street, Randwick, THIS DAY, Friday, at 3 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.
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